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## Walker Exits '16 Race With Harsh Words for Trump

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker speaks at a news conference Monday, Sept. 21, 2015, in Madison, Wis., where he announced that he is suspending his Republican presidential campaign. (AP Photo/Morry Gash) Page 4

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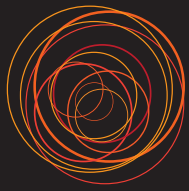
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## UN says Iran's role in nuclear probe meets strict standards

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**Associated Press**

**VIENNA (AP)** — The chief of the U.N. nuclear agency acknowledged Monday that samples used to determine whether Iran tried to develop a nuclear weapon were collected by the Iranians instead of agency experts, but insisted the probe stands up to strict agency standards.

Such sampling of soil, air or dust from equipment is usually done by the International Atomic Energy Agency's own experts. But IAEA chief Yukiya Amano confirmed that Iranians carried out that part of the probe at Parchin, where the agency suspects that explosive triggers for nuclear weapons might have been tested in the past.

Diplomats say Iran insisted on the compromise as a condition for any probe of Parchin.

Deputy IAEA Director General Tero Varjoranta said that there have been more than 40 instances of letting a country being inspected use their own nationals to do the sampling and that the process is only a small part of a rigid regimen established by the agency to make sure there is no cheating.

He said the criteria at Parchin included: invasive monitoring by video and still cameras while the sampling took place; GPS tracking of the sampling process; IAEA agreement on where the samples were to be taken; review by unspecified peers of the inspection process; risk assessment and strict observance to make sure that procedures were followed step by step.

"We feel fully confident that the process and the result so far are fully in line with our safeguards practices," he said, standing next to Amano at a Vienna news conference.

Former IAEA deputy director general Olli Heinonen has described Iran as a particularly sensitive case however, saying he knows of no other case where a country under investigation for possibly trying to make nuclear weapons was permitted to use its own personnel to collect environmental samples as part of the investigation.

The Iran arrangement was first revealed in a confidential draft agreement between the sides seen last month by The Associated Press.

Iran's atomic energy agency spokesman, Behrouz Kalmandi, said IAEA experts were not physically present during the sampling. But Amano said the procedure meets strict agency criteria that ensure "the integrity of the sampling process and the authenticity of the samples."

Amano spoke a day after he was taken on what Iranian media described as a ceremonial tour of the military site. He told reporters in Vienna that he was able to enter a building that the agency had been observing via satellite and saw signs of "recent renovation work." □



**Pope Francis leads a Mass in the Plaza of the Revolution, in Holguin, Cuba, Monday, Sept. 21, 2015. Francis marked a personal anniversary Monday, the day as a teenager he decided to become a priest.**

(Tony Gentile/Pool via AP)

## Pope to Cuba: Be willing to change

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**Associated Press**

**HOLGUIN, Cuba (AP)** — Pope Francis marked the anniversary Monday of the day he decided as a teenager to become a priest by pressing a subtle message to Cubans at a delicate point in their own history: Overcome ideological preconceptions and be willing to change.

Francis traveled to Cuba's fourth-largest city, Holguin, and celebrated a Mass where Cuban rhythms mixed with church hymns under a scorching tropical sun. Later in the day, he flew to Santiago for an evening visit to the shrine of Cuba's patron saint, and on Tuesday he will arrive in Washington for the U.S. leg of his visit to the two former Cold War enemies.

Singing children and a small crowd waving Cuban and Vatican flags greeted Francis on his arrival, some crying out, "Francis! Holguin is with you!" Holguin's

Plaza of the Revolution was packed with an estimated 150,000 people for the Mass, many dressed in white to protect them from the sun.

Security agents didn't appear to be letting members of the crowd get close to him. On Sunday, an apparent dissident hung on to the popemobile in Havana and seemed to be appealing to the pontiff before the man was dragged away. The head of the opposition group Ladies in White said 22 of 24 members who wanted to attend Francis' Mass on Sunday were prevented from going by Cuban security agents. And two well-known Cuban dissidents said agents detained them after the Vatican invited them to the pope's vespers service at Havana's cathedral.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, confirmed that some dissidents were invited to events to receive a greeting from the pope, but he

said he didn't know why it didn't come to pass.

Asked if the Holy See would lodge an official protest, Lombardi demurred. He stressed that what was planned was just a "passing greeting," not an official meeting, and that it was set up at the last minute out of a "desire to show an attention for everyone, including dissidents."

In his homily in Holguin, a city of about 300,000, Francis pressed some of the subtle themes he has developed during this balancing act of a Cuban visit. He told the crowd of how Jesus picked a lowly and despised tax collector, Matthew, and instructed him without casting judgment to follow him. That act of mercy changed Matthew forever.

Francis told the Cubans that they, too, should allow themselves "to slowly overcome our preconceptions and our reluctance to think that others, much less ourselves, can change." □



# Clinton won't let Republicans 'tear up' health care law



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks during a campaign stop in Baton Rouge, La., Monday, Sept. 21, 2015.

(AP Photo/Jonathan Bachman)

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**BATON ROUGE, Louisiana**  
**(AP)** — Democratic presi-

dential front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton on Monday hailed President Barack Obama's health care law for reducing the

rate of uninsured Americans and vowed to defend it against Republican opposition if she wins the White House.

Clinton kicked off a series of health care events with an embrace of the law, arguing that Republican resistance to the overhaul had hurt working families seeking to gain coverage. She credited the health care law with decreasing the rate of uninsured Americans to the lowest level in 50 years.

"I'm not going to let them tear up that law, kick 16 million people off their health coverage and force the country to start the health care debate all over again," Clinton said at the Louisiana Leadership Institute.

"I want to build on the progress we've made." Clinton's focus on health care comes as the share of Americans without health insurance has dipped to historically low levels due both to the law's expansion in coverage and recent economic growth. While the law's rocky rollout and longstanding Republican

opposition caused headaches for Obama's party, Democrats seeking to succeed him are embracing the plan and talking about ways to build upon it.

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Clinton's chief Democratic rival, has called for a health care system in which the government rather than private insurance companies would pay for health care coverage.

He has introduced legislation that would allow Medicare, the government-run health care program providing coverage to the elderly, to use its large purchasing power to negotiate lower drug prices while allowing individuals to import prescription drugs from Canada, where the costs are cheaper.

Clinton said she would announce a plan this week to deal with "skyrocketing, out-of-pocket health costs," particularly drug prices. □

# Walker exits '16 race with harsh words for Trump

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**MADISON, Wisconsin (AP)**

— Warning the Republican presidential race has become too nasty, Scott Walker suspended his 2016 campaign on Monday and called on some of his Republican rivals to do the same, citing an urgent need to "clear the field" to help defeat front-runner Donald Trump.

The announcement marked a dramatic fall for Walker, who was struggling to generate fundraising and enthusiasm after surging into the race's top tier earlier in the year. He will return to his job in Wisconsin as governor, where his term runs through 2018.

"Today, I believe that I am being called to lead by helping to clear the field in this race so that a positive conservative message can rise to the top of the field. With that in mind, I will suspend my campaign immediately," Walker said in a Madison press conference.

"I encourage other Republican presidential candidates to consider doing the same so the voters can focus on a limited number of candidates who can offer a positive conservative alternative to the current front-runner," Walker continued. "This is fundamentally important to the future of the party and more importantly to the future of our country." One of the last Republicans to enter the race, Walker joined former Texas Gov. Rick Perry as one of the first to leave it, unable to adjust to the popularity of Trump or break out in either of the party's first two debates. Both candidates warned of the billionaire businessman's influence on the Republican Party as they exited, although neither called him out by name.

"Sadly, the debate taking place in the Republican party today is not focused on that optimistic view of America. Instead, it has drifted into personal attacks," Walker said. "In the



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end, I believe that voters want to be for something and not against someone. Instead of talking about how bad things are, we want to hear about how we can make them better for everyone."

Walker's fall was in many

ways more dramatic than Perry's. He was thought to be a leader in the crowded field for much of the year and built a massive national organization with paid staff spread across the country that dwarfed many of his rivals in scale

and scope. "I'm not sure what went wrong," said Iowa state Sen. Mark Costello, who endorsed Walker earlier this year. "I think all the more provocative statements some of the candidates made got them more press." □



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## Republican Ben Carson claims benefits from Muslim criticism



Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson speaks in Greenville, S.C. Carson is refusing to back off his weekend charge that Muslims shouldn't serve in the presidency.

(AP Photo/Richard Shiro)

**STEVE PEOPLES**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Republican White House contender Ben Carson shook off growing criticism and refused Monday to back

off his weekend charge that a Muslim shouldn't be elected as U.S. president. The intensifying political fallout is a distraction at least as the retired neurosurgeon tries to capitalize on recent

momentum in the unruly Republican presidential race. But it also highlights a sentiment among voters in both parties who agree with Carson's reluctance to elect a Muslim to the nation's highest office. Carson's campaign reported strong fundraising and more than 100,000 new Facebook friends in the 24 hours after he told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday, "I would not advocate that we put a Muslim in charge of this nation." His campaign manager Barry Bennett told The Associated Press on Monday: "While the left wing is huffing and puffing over it, Republican primary voters are with us at least 80-20." "People in Iowa particularly, are like, 'Yeah! We're

not going to vote for a Muslim either," Bennett said. "I don't mind the hubbub. It's not hurting us, that's for sure." Carson, a devout Christian, is running just behind businessman Donald Trump among Republican voters in Iowa, whose caucuses next February will kick off the state-by-state nominating contests. Carson is drawing support among the large bloc of socially conservative evangelicals in the Midwestern state. The head of the nation's largest Muslim advocacy group called on Carson to drop out of the 2016 presidential contest during a Capitol Hill press conference on Monday, declaring him "unfit to lead because his views are in contradiction with the United

States Constitution." "Not long ago, some people thought that a Catholic cannot be a president, an African-American cannot be a president," said Nihad Awad, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic relations. "They were wrong then, and they are wrong now." He cited Article 6 in the Constitution, which states, "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States." At least one Republican joined a chorus of Democrats condemning Carson's statement. South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham said Sunday that the comment "shows that Dr. Carson is not ready to be commander in chief." □

## Hispanic protesters heckle Jeb Bush

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**Associated Press**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush pushed back against more than a dozen protesters who repeatedly heckled him Monday with chants of "No hope without our vote" as he tried to address a national Hispanic business group. The former Florida governor was forced to halt his speech before the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Houston to remind those shouting that he supports a pathway to citizenship for children of people in the U.S. illegally, a group often called "DREAMers." They take their name from the acronym for legislation that lays out a process toward citizenship for immigrant children who were brought into the country illegally and grew up in the U.S. But like other Republican presidential hopefuls, Bush

wants to secure the border with Mexico before dealing with millions of people here illegally. Mary Moreno, communications director of the Texas Organizing Project, which planned Monday's protest, said her group wanted to call attention to "the hostile atmosphere being created by the GOP field of presidential candidates." The demonstrators held large signs, with one asking "Who is the real Jeb Bush?" Another read "One of us?" and was paired alongside one that read "Or one of them?" The latter featured a photo of Bush with Republican front-runner Donald Trump at last Wednesday's presidential candidates' debate in California. Bush, whose wife was born in Mexico, supports the long-delayed DREAM Act benefiting immigrant children brought into the U.S. illegally. □

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Barry Bertolet, right, the brother of Toni Henthorn, walks with his wife Paula from a federal courthouse following closing arguments in the murder trial of Harold Henthorn, charged with killing his second wife, Toni Henthorn, on a hike they took to celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary in 2012, in Denver, Friday, Sept. 18, 2015.

(AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

## Man guilty of pushing wife off Colorado cliff

**SADIE GURMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**DENVER (AP)** — A federal jury on Monday found a man guilty of murder for pushing his wife to her death off a cliff as they hiked in Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park to celebrate their wedding anniversary, rejecting his claim that her fall was a tragic accident. It took the jury about 10 hours to find Harold Henthorn, 59, guilty of first-degree murder in the death of his second wife, a wealthy Mississippi native. She died after plummeting about 130 feet off a cliff in a remote, rocky area where the couple had been hiking on Sept. 29, 2012, their 12th wedding anniversary. Henthorn told investigators that his wife paused to take photo of the view and fell face-first over the ledge. His attorney, Craig Truman, said prosecutors failed to

prove he killed her. But prosecutors argued during a two-week trial that Henthorn carefully staged Toni Henthorn's death to look like an accident because he stood to benefit from her \$4.7 million in life insurance policies, which she didn't know existed. They seized on Harold Henthorn's inconsistent accounts of the fatal fall and said the evidence did not match his shifting stories. Harold Henthorn scouted the remote area of the popular park 75 miles (120 kilometers) north of Denver nine times before bringing his wife with him. He was searching for the "perfect place to murder someone," where there would be no witnesses and no chance of her surviving, prosecutor Suneeta Hazra said. Toni Henthorn, 50, wasn't an avid hiker, so it didn't make sense that she

would have gone willingly into such dangerous terrain, investigators testified. A coroner said he could not determine whether she fell or was pushed, but he said he found no evidence that Harold Henthorn actually performed CPR on his wife, despite what he told dispatchers. And park rangers said Henthorn could not explain why he had a park map with an "X" drawn at the spot where his wife fell. Prosecutors argued the fatal fall was reminiscent of the death of Henthorn's first wife, Sandra Lynn Henthorn, who was crushed when a car slipped off a jack while they were changing a flat tire in 1995—several months after their 12th wedding anniversary. Henthorn has not been charged in that case, but police reopened the investigation after Toni Henthorn's death. □

## Former peanut exec gets 28 years in prison for outbreak

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**ALBANY, Georgia (AP)** — A former peanut company executive was sentenced Monday to 28 years in prison for his role in a deadly salmonella outbreak, the stiffest punishment ever handed out to a producer in a foodborne illness case. The outbreak in 2008 and 2009 killed nine Americans and sickened hundreds more, and triggered one of the largest food recalls in U.S. history. Before he was sentenced, former Peanut Corporation of America owner Stewart Parnell listened from his courtroom seat as nine victims testified about the terror and grief caused by peanut butter traced to the company's plant in southwest Georgia. One of the victims was 10-year-old Jacob Hurley, who was just 3 when he was stricken by salmonella from peanut butter crackers that left him vomiting and rushing to the toilet for nearly two weeks. "I think it's OK for him to spend the rest of his life in prison," Jacob told the judge. Jeff Almer said his 72-year-old mother was battling back from cancer when she died in December 2008 after eating peanut butter from Parnell's plant. "You took my mom," Almer said. "You kicked her right off the cliff." When a jury convicted Parnell and two co-defendants a year ago, experts said it was the first time American food processors had stood trial in a food-poisoning case. A federal jury convicted Parnell, 61, of knowingly shipping contaminated peanut butter and of faking results of lab tests intended to screen for salmonella. Judge W. Louis Sands estimated Parnell faced up to 803 years in prison for his crimes. "These acts were driven simply by the desire to profit and to protect profits notwithstanding the known risks" from salmonella, the judge said. "This is commonly and accurately referred to as greed." Federal investigators found a leaky roof, roaches and evidence of rodents at the plant, all ingredients for brewing salmonella. They also uncovered emails and records showing food confirmed by lab tests to contain salmonella was shipped to customers anyway. Other batches were never tested at all, but got shipped with fake lab records saying salmonella screenings were negative. Emails prosecutors presented at trial showed that Parnell once directed employees to "turn them loose" after samples of peanuts tested positive for salmonella and then were cleared in another test. Several months before the outbreak, when a final lab test found salmonella, Parnell expressed concern to a Georgia plant manager, writing in an Oct. 6, 2008, email that the delay "is costing us huge \$\$\$\$\$." □





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## 1 in 4 US college women report unwanted sexual contact

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**Associated Press**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** —

A quarter of women surveyed at more than two dozen universities say they experienced unwanted sexual contact sometime during college, according to a report released Monday. The results of the Association of American Universities Campus Climate Survey come at a time of heightened scrutiny of the nation's colleges and universities and what they are doing to combat sexual assault. Just last week, Vice President Joe Biden visited Ohio State University to highlight several new initiatives, including mandatory sexual violence awareness training for freshmen beginning next year.

The survey was sent to nearly 780,000 students at the association's member colleges, plus one additional university. About 150,000 participated in the online questionnaire.

The results were generally in line with past surveys on sexual assault and misconduct on college campuses — and confirmed that alcohol and drugs are important risk factors.

Researchers cautioned against generalizations, partly because of different rates among women and men and students at different years in their schooling. It was not a representative sample of all the nation's colleges and universities.

Some students attended schools that have recently grappled with reports of sexual assaults or misconduct, including the University of Virginia, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Ohio State.

University of Virginia President Teresa A. Sullivan has said that a widely discredi-

ed and later retracted Rolling Stone magazine story about a gang-rape at a fraternity house harmed efforts to fight sexual violence and tarred the school's reputation. Hazing that included excessive underage drinking and sexualized conduct prompted the University of Wisconsin-Madison to terminate a fraternity chapter earlier this year. And Ohio State fired its marching band director last year after an internal investigation turned up a "sexualized culture" of rituals and traditions inside the celebrated organization.

Overall, 23 percent of undergraduate women at the participating universities said they had been physically forced — or threatened with force — into nonconsensual sexual contact. For undergraduate men, the percentage was 5 percent.

Freshman women appeared to be at greater risk than older students for the most serious sexual assaults — those involving penetration. About 17 percent of freshman females said they had been victims of this type of assault. For women asked about their senior year, the percentage was about 11 percent, the survey found. The survey sample provided a rare glimpse into the experiences of the small percentage of students who are transgender or who don't identify as either male or female. Undergraduates in that category reported the highest rate of the most serious nonconsensual acts, those involving penetration.

"Our universities are working to ensure their campuses are safe places for students," AAU President Hunter Rawlings said in a statement. □



Vice President Joe Biden holds up a shirt before speaking at an 'It's On Us' event on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus, Ohio. Biden was speaking about the importance of preventing sexual assault on college campuses.

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## Putin seeks to assuage Israel's fears of Syrian aggression

LYNN BERRY

Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russian President Vladimir Putin sought to assuage Israel's fears of potential Iranian and Syrian aggression, during talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday that also addressed concerns over Russia's military buildup in Syria.

The two leaders agreed on ways to prevent an unintended confrontation between Israel's military and Russian forces deployed in Syria, Netanyahu told Israeli reporters after the talks, the Haaretz daily reported.

The West suspects that Russia's movement of aircraft, missiles, tanks and other military equipment to Syria is intended to support the government of President Bashar Assad. Russia has insisted that its aim is to help



Russian President Vladimir Putin shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, during their meeting in the Novo-Ogaryovo residence, outside Moscow, Russia, Monday, Sept. 21, 2015.

(AP Photo/Ivan Sekretarev, Pool)

Syria, a longtime ally, fight the Islamic State group and has urged the West to

coordinate its efforts with Assad's government as well.

Netanyahu also warned that the Russian military activity in Syria could threaten

Israeli forces, echoing a warning issued by the U.S. last week.

At the start of their meeting at Putin's residence outside Moscow, Netanyahu told him that Iran and Syria have been supplying Hezbollah with advanced weapons and are "trying to set up a second terrorist front on the Golan Heights," which Israel captured from Syria and effectively annexed in 1981.

Putin responded by saying the fears of Syrian aggression against Israel were unfounded. "We know that the Syrian army and Syria as a whole are in such a state that they have no time for a second front. They need to save their own state," Putin told Netanyahu in televised comments. "But still, I understand your concerns." Netanyahu told Putin that Russia needed to know that Israel would take action to prevent these weapons transfers and thus it was important to make sure there were no misunderstandings between their military forces. During the talks, they agreed on such a mechanism, the Haaretz report said. "It's enough to imagine the alternative — a dangerous confrontation with Russia, and dealing with these misunderstandings after the fact — to understand the importance of this visit," the Israeli newspaper quoted Netanyahu as saying.

Monday's meeting was the first between the two leaders since November 2013, although they have spoken by telephone three times this year, the Kremlin said. □

## Activists report 75 US-trained rebels return to Syria

SARAH EL DEEB

Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Several dozen U.S.-trained rebels have returned to Syria after receiving training in Turkey, crossing the border in gun-mounted four-wheel drives, a rebel representative said Monday.

The development comes as U.S. administration has been struggling to defend its military strategy in Syria, directed against the Islamic State militant group with an air campaign and programs to train, assist and equip local forces. Last week, U.S. Central Command spokesman Air Force Col. Patrick Ryder said that

about 100 Syrian recruits were completing their U.S.-led training programs and that most would soon be in Syria.

The representative of the rebel group known as Division 30, said that 75 troops arrived but offered no other details. He spoke on condition of anonymity because of security concerns. The rebels' return was first reported by the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

In July, shortly after the first 54 U.S.-trained fighters arrived, Syria's affiliate of al-Qaida known as the Nusra Front, or Jabhat Al-Nusra, attacked them, killing sev-

eral and taking others hostage while many fighters fled. Ryder said that those rebels largely disbanded — of the 54, one was killed; one is being held captive; nine are back in the fight; 11 are available but not in Syria; 14 returned to Syria but quit the U.S. program and 18 are unaccounted for.

The rebel representative said Monday, communicating through Facebook, that the group entered Syria "under people's protection out of fear of Jabhat Al-Nusra."

The head of the Observatory, Rami Abdurrahman, said the men returned on

Friday night. They had been scheduled to return earlier in the month and have been receiving training, by British, American and Turkish trainers, near the Turkish capital Ankara, he said. He said the men returned in 12 gun-mounted four wheel drives, crossing at the border near the Turkish town of Kalis. He said they also had each a bag with personal weapons and life vests.

Another activist Abu Hassan Marea, who is originally from Aleppo but is now in Turkey, said he was also told by witnesses and people working at the border that 75 rebels returned in vehicles from Turkey. □



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## Hungary posts ads in Lebanon, Jordan media warning migrants

SARAH EL DEEB  
Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — The Hungarian government posted ads in Lebanese and Jordanian papers on Monday, warning migrants not to enter Hungary illegally, saying it is a crime punishable by imprisonment.

The move comes as Europe is reeling under pressure from tens of thousands of refugees making the perilous trek to the continent to seek sanctuary there.

In a terse statement published as a full-page announcement in several newspapers, including Lebanon's leading An-Nahar and Jordan's Al-Rai, the government of Hungary said that "the strongest possible action is taken" against people who attempt to enter Hungary illegally.

"Do not listen to the people smugglers. Hungary will not allow illegal immigrants to cross its territory," it said in both English and Arabic.

Lebanon, a country of around 4.5 million people, has over 1.1 million Syrian refugees, while Jordan, with a population of 6.5 million, has about 630,000 — some of whom have already shown readiness to migrate to Europe because of dwindling aid and work opportunities.

Hungary, which closed its border with Serbia on Sept. 15, has erected another steel barrier at the Beremend border crossing with Croatia to try to slow the flow but the migrants keep coming.

Many, fleeing violence and poverty in the Middle East, Asia and Africa, cross the Mediterranean in rickety smuggler boats and rush from one European border to the next to try to reach welcoming countries such as Germany and Sweden. The majority of those arriving on the shores of Europe are Syrians.

Hungary's ads were not the first. Earlier this month, Denmark's Ministry of Immigration, Integration and Housing posted advertisements in Lebanese newspapers aiming to deter migrants, saying that the Scandinavian nation has reduced social aid to migrants by 50 percent recently. Denmark also warned that migrants whose applications are rejected will be deported immediately.

Syria's civil war, now in its fifth year, has killed more than 250,000 people and generated more than 4 million refugees.

Meanwhile in Lebanon, the education minister appealed to donors to remain committed to helping the country deal with the flux of refugees, including providing free schooling to hundreds of thousands of refugee children currently here.

Elias Bou Saab said his government would absorb more Syrian refugee children in schools this year, aiming to double those enrolled from last year to reach 200,000. But this, he warned, leaves roughly the same number — about 200,000 — still without schooling.

"There are still a great number of students out of schools, and that is a danger, danger to Lebanon and to the region," Bou Saab told reporters as he launched the Back to School campaign, for which the government raised \$94 million in grants — \$25 million short of the needed funds. □



A girl holds a balloon as migrants wait for buses after crossing the border between Hungary and Austria in Nickelsdorf, Austria, 70 kilometers (43 miles) southeast of Vienna, Monday, Sept. 21, 2015. (AP Photo/Ronald Zak)

## European officials clash over migrants

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Associated Press

**BELGRADE, Serbia (AP)** — The war of words over Europe's migrant crisis is turning vicious, with officials in the bickering Balkans trading blame and accusations of lying, while also disparaging each other's actions as "pathetic" and a "disgrace."

The plight over how to deal with thousands of asylum seekers is reviving old differences among Serbia, Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia dating back to the 1990s breakup of Yugoslavia. It's also creating some new tensions.

While the 28-nation European Union remains deeply divided over how to share the burden of relocating the refugees and is convening a series of meetings this week to seek a resolution, the finger-pointing turned especially nasty in the Balkans.

Hungary's decision Sept. 15 to close its border with Serbia has diverted the waves of people from the Middle

East, Africa and Asia to Croatia.

At first, Croatia welcomed them, thinking they would simply go to Slovenia and continue on to Austria and Germany. But Slovenia shut its border, and Croatia quickly found itself overwhelmed with about 30,000 people in a matter of days. Croatia then started putting the asylum seekers on trains and buses, even as their furious leaders argued that they had been let down by their neighbors. Even though Croatia set up a migrant reception center Monday in the eastern village of Opatovac to try to bring order to the unrelenting chaos and misery, it could hardly undo the damage.

And the high-level griping has strained relations.

— Serbia denounced Hungary for using tear gas against the migrants on the border, with canisters landing on Serbian territory. It also protested Croatia's closing of most of its border crossings, threatening legal

action over the blocking of truck traffic.

— Hungary blamed Serbia for failing to stop the migrants from throwing stones at its border police and accused Croatia of jeopardizing its sovereignty by sending thousands of migrants to Hungary. It also blamed Greece for failing to stop the influx.

— Slovenia expressed anger that Croatia is busing people to its frontier.

This led to undiplomatic exchanges among the European Union neighbors.

When Croatia said it and Hungary had agreed to create a corridor for the migrants, the Hungarian Foreign Ministry called that a "pack of lies." Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijarto called the Croatian prime minister's handing of the crisis "pathetic."

Croatian, Serbian and Romanian officials compared Hungary's tough policies, including its new razor-coil fence, to the practices of Budapest's Nazi-backed World War II regime. □



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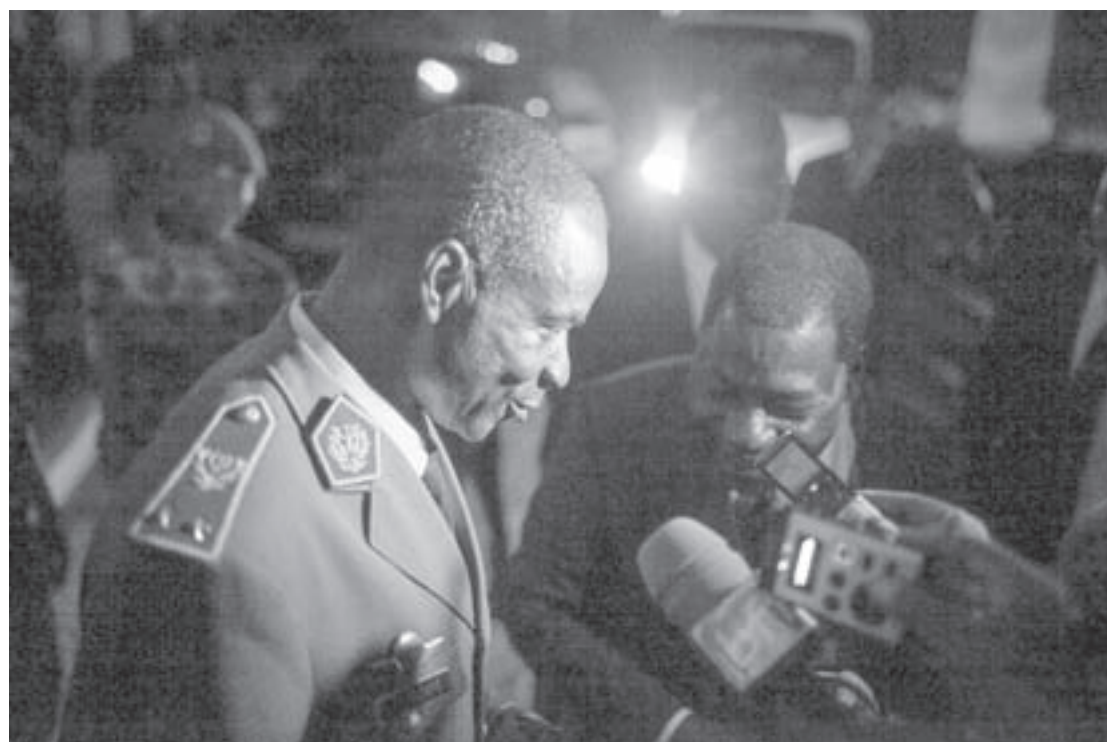
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## Burkina Faso coup leader says he will hand back power



Gen. Gilbert Diendere, left, who was named leader of Burkina Faso on Thursday, speaks to media in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Diendere apologized to the nation Monday and said he would hand over control to a civilian transitional government after the military warned that its forces would converge on the capital and forcibly disarm the soldiers behind the power grab.

(AP Photo/Theo Renaut)

### B. OUEDRAOGO

Associated Press

**OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso (AP)** — The Burkina Faso general who seized power in a coup last week apologized to the nation Monday and said he would hand over control to a civilian transitional government after the military warned that its forces would converge on the capital and forcibly disarm the soldiers

behind the power grab.

Gen. Gilbert Diendere said his presidential guard unit "confirms our commitment to giving power back to civilian authorities." That was one of the key conditions of a draft agreement that resulted from week-end negotiations with regional mediators, but it had been unclear until his announcement whether the junta would abide by those

terms.

Diendere, who led the presidential guard under long-time leader Blaise Compaore until he was forced from power in a popular uprising last year, said the compromises were necessary to avoid further bloodshed. The risk of clashes could lead to "chaos, civil war and massive human rights violations," he said. Earlier Monday, the heads

of the National Armed Forces warned that troops would disarm the presidential guard. While they said soldiers aimed to do so without spilling blood, the ultimatum raised the specter of clashes on the streets of Ouagadougou.

"We demand that they put down their weapons and rejoin Camp Sangoule Lamizana," the statement said, promising that the returning soldiers and their families would be protected.

People gathered at sunset cheering on the highway as they waited for the anticipated entry of Burkina Faso's regular army, who vowed to disarm the presidential guard known as the RSP.

The soldiers who seized power last week are seen as loyal to ex-President Blaise Compaore. Diendere, the general installed as president Thursday, is a former top aide to the ousted leader.

Junta members said they were angered that members of Compaore's former ruling party couldn't take part in elections that were set for Oct. 11. Compaore was president for 27 years, and his bid to further extend his rule prompted

massive street protests that led to his ouster.

The mediators led by the presidents of Senegal and Benin announced a plan late Sunday that calls for new elections by the end of November. The plan drafted by mediators is supposed to go before the West African regional bloc known as ECOWAS in Nigeria on Tuesday.

The streets of Ouagadougou remained tense Monday, and many demonstrators said they felt the ECOWAS compromise plan was too lenient on the junta.

France, meanwhile, suspended all military, civilian and financial cooperation with Burkina Faso until civilian authority is restored.

French President Francois Hollande announced the suspension in a statement. He also threatened sanctions against anyone who opposes democratic elections, saying he would lobby European partners to do the same.

Hollande spoke Monday with Senegalese President Macky Sall about West African regional efforts to restore calm in Burkina Faso, a former French colony that maintains commercial and military ties with France. □

## Nigerian official: 54 die in blasts in Borno state capital

### HARUNA UMAR

JOSSY OLA

Associated Press

**ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)** — Suspected Islamic extremists killed at least 54 people when they detonated explosive devices in crowded places Sunday night in Maiduguri the capital of the northeastern state of Borno, members of civilian defense group said Monday. Forty-three people died

in an attack on a mosque and 11 were killed in an attack on a market center, said the civilian defense force members, who insisted anonymity for fear of reprisals from the Nigerian military which has been deployed to guard civilians in the town.

There were four explosions in the attacks one in a Mosque after evening prayers, another at a mar-

ket place and two homemade explosives were thrown into a business center where people charge their phones and play video games, said a member of the civilian militia.

The blasts occurred within 20 minutes, he said.

A dusk till dawn curfew in Maiduguri limits the flow of information as journalists fear of getting attacked by the militants or the army at

night.

The number wounded from the blasts was still not available, said Lt.Col. Tukur Gusau, the army spokesman for the 7th Division based in Maiduguri.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but the initial suspicion has fallen on the Islamic extremist group Boko Haram, which has resorted to hit-and-run tactics after the Ni-

gerian military recaptured territory once held by the militants.

Military spokesman Col. Sani Kukasheka Usman said the attacks signify the increasing desperation of Boko Haram.

At least 20,000 people have been killed in Boko Haram's six-year-old uprising which has displaced 2.1 million people across three countries. □





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## Leaders of Colombia, Venezuela attempt to overcome crisis



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, accompanied by his first lady Cilia Flores, flashes a 'v' sign as he arrives at government palace, in Quito, Ecuador, Monday, Sept. 21, 2015. The leaders of Colombia and Venezuela traveled to Ecuador on Monday in a bid to overcome a monthlong border crisis that has paralyzed trade and movement along the frontier.

(AP Photo/Patricio Realpe)

### JACOBO GARCIA

Associated Press

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) —

The leaders of Colombia and Venezuela traveled to Ecuador on Monday in a bid to ease tension that has paralyzed trade and movement along the border.

The crisis began when President Nicolas Maduro deported some 1,500 Colombians migrants he blamed for the smuggling that has helped empty Venezuelan supermarket shelves. Another 16,000 Colombians, some of whom have lived in Venezuela for years, fled voluntarily, fearing reprisals from Venezuelan troops who were seen bulldozing homes and forcing residents to flee across a river separating the two countries with their belongings slung across their backs.

Although the deportation and mass exodus of Colombians have ceased, Maduro and his Colom-

bian counterpart, Juan Manuel Santos, have only sharpened their attacks, with communities on both sides of the border suffering from the closure of all land crossings along a border five times the size of the one separating France and Germany.

Maduro accuses Santos of being complicit in an alleged plan hatched by right-wing elements in Colombia and the U.S. to overthrow his government but struck a conciliatory tone upon his arrival to the Ecuadorean capital.

"I'm asking to begin a new era, of respect and mutually beneficial cooperation," said Maduro.

"Nobody should stick their noses in the internal affairs of Venezuela, and we won't stick ours in the internal affairs of anybody else."

Meanwhile Santos, who successfully restored ties with Venezuela after his

predecessor threatened war with the late Hugo Chavez, has thrown off his habitual restraint and accused Maduro's socialist revolution of self-destructing and using tactics employed by Nazi shock troops.

Monday's meeting was brokered by Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa, a close ally of Venezuela, and Uruguay's President Tabare Vazquez, the current rotating head of the 12-member Union of South American Nations.

Both leaders are expected to attend the meeting alongside Maduro and

Santos.

Santos says he has low expectations for the summit after two previous meetings between the countries' foreign ministers failed to produce a breakthrough. In recent days, Colombia has denounced the illegal flyover of three Venezuelan fighter jets as well as the incursion into its territory of a Venezuelan National Guard patrol chasing an individual whose motorcycle they burned when he fled.

"I'm going with the best of intentions but without great expectations," Santos said in a message posted on Twitter Sunday night. □

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## Regional Briefs

### Colombia offers reward in Dutch tourist's murder

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** — Colombian authorities are offering a \$10,000 reward for information about a Dutch tourist's murder on a yacht off the coast of Cartagena. The navy found Durdana de Bruijn's body over the weekend aboard the Dutch-flagged Lazy Duck following an emergency cellphone call from her husband. He said six men had tried to rob them and she was hit with the butt of a gun. Authorities have cast doubt on that account and are holding de Bruijn's husband for questioning. Navy Capt. Jorge Herrera said Monday he can't remember a recent report of piracy in the area, near the popular Rosario Islands. Valuables such as computers and jewelry were found on the boat. The Dutch Embassy in Colombia declined to comment. □

### Jamaica leader touts record of 9 good IMF tests

**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)** — Jamaica's prime minister has told supporters that her administration passed every test of the International Monetary Fund during the island's latest loan agreement. At the annual conference of the People's National Party, Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller touted the record of nine passed tests while calling the terms of the IMF deal "challenging yet necessary." She acknowledges employment rates are "not yet where we want them to be," but says Jamaica's economy is moving in the "right direction." The opposition disputes that. Jamaica has been trying to turn around its economy with a four-year, \$930 million package with the IMF. In recent decades, Jamaica had one of the world's slowest growing economies. □

## Cuba:

### For one family, pope's message on ideology hits home

**CHRISTINE ARMARIO**  
**Associated Press**

**HOLGUIN, Cuba (AP)** — In this quiet city in eastern

each other.

As Pope Francis called on Cubans to overcome their differences at a Mass in

14 hours to Holguin, arriving at 6:30 a.m.

Fernandez and Olga Maria Saladrigas screamed when

ried and having four children through letters, stories and photographs. Fernandez has kept all of them.

"It pains me," Fernandez, 54, said. "But since they send us so much love, that fills me. I know they are there and that they are well."

Fernandez's house is filled with items sent by relatives living abroad: A flat-screen TV from her brother in the Dominican Republic, a floral chaise from Saladrigas. Fernandez would like to visit the U.S., but said she has no plans to leave permanently. She takes care of her 86-year-old mother, Saladrigas' aunt, who is now blind.

As Olga Maria and Carlos drove to the pope's Holguin Mass, she cried as she looked out at the city of about 300,000 people.

"That's where I used to ride my bike," she said, pointing to a plaza near her cousin's home.

In his homily, Francis pressed some of the themes he has developed during this visit, telling of how Jesus picked a despised tax collector, Matthew, as a follower without casting judgment. That experience of mercy changed Matthew forever. Francis told Cubans that they, too, should allow themselves "to slowly overcome our preconceptions and our reluctance to think that others, much less ourselves, can change." □



**Berta Luisa Fernandez, left, and her son, Daniel Jose Pupo Fernandez, reunite with cousin Olga Maria Saladrigas, and her husband, Carlos Saladrigas, in Holguin, Cuba, Monday, Sept. 21, 2015. After Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution, Saladrigas' family decided they disagreed with the country's new socialist system and fled to Miami. Fernandez's father backed the revolution and decided they would stay. The cousins reunited for the third time in 50 years.**

Cuba, families know how ideology can divide.

After Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution, Olga Maria Saladrigas' family decided they disagreed with the country's new socialist system and fled to Miami. Her cousin Berta Luisa Fernandez's father backed the revolution and decided they would stay. The two women grew up with only a handful of memories of

Holguin on Monday, the cousins reunited for the third time in 50 years, a living example of the reconciliation that the pope has made a central theme of his trip to Cuba.

Saladrigas and her husband, Carlos, a Cuban-American businessman who has been one of the key backers of U.S.-Cuban detente, flew to Havana for the pope's visit, then drove

they saw one another, kissing and hugging before Fernandez made her cousin a typical Cuban breakfast of coffee and toasted bread and butter.

"We love each other very much," Fernandez said as they embraced.

Fernandez watched nearly all her relatives leave in the years after the revolution. She learned of her cousin growing up, getting mar-

## Ex-treasurer of Brazil sentenced on corruption

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — The former treasurer of Brazil's governing Workers' Party was sentenced Monday to over 15 years in prison for his role in a kickback scheme at state-run oil company Petrobras.

Joao Vaccari was found guilty of taking at least \$1 million in bribes, including money handed over in the form of campaign donations made by oil field services company Toyo Setal between 2008 and 2012, according to the ruling by federal judge Sergio Moro.

Also sentenced was Petrobras' former head of corporate services, Renato Duque, who got over 20 years on corruption charges. Moro said that Duque was responsible for funneling the cash to Vaccari and that he had also taken at least \$9 million in bribes in exchange for helping construction and engineering firms win inflated contracts with Petrobras.

Both men can appeal their sentences, but will remain in prison as their likely appeals play out.

Vaccari's arrest in April brought the Petrobras scandal closer to President Dilma Rousseff, who served as chairwoman of Petrobras' board for several years as the sprawling kickback scheme is alleged to have played out. She herself has not been accused of any crimes and has repeatedly maintained her innocence.

Prosecutors say at least \$2 billion in bribes were paid for over a decade, mostly by construction and engineering firms to high-level

Petrobras executives. In return, the companies were awarded inflated contracts for building refineries, drilling platforms and ships, among other services.

Described by authorities as the biggest corruption scheme ever uncovered in Brazil, the scandal has shaken the nation's political and business establishment. Over 50 sitting congressmen and other top political officials are under investigation, including the leaders of both houses of Congress. □





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James Blake, left, and Kevin H. Marino, Blake's attorney, walk toward members of the media outside City Hall in New York after leaving the building Monday, Sept. 21, 2015.

Associated Press

## James Blake meets with New York's mayor, police commissioner

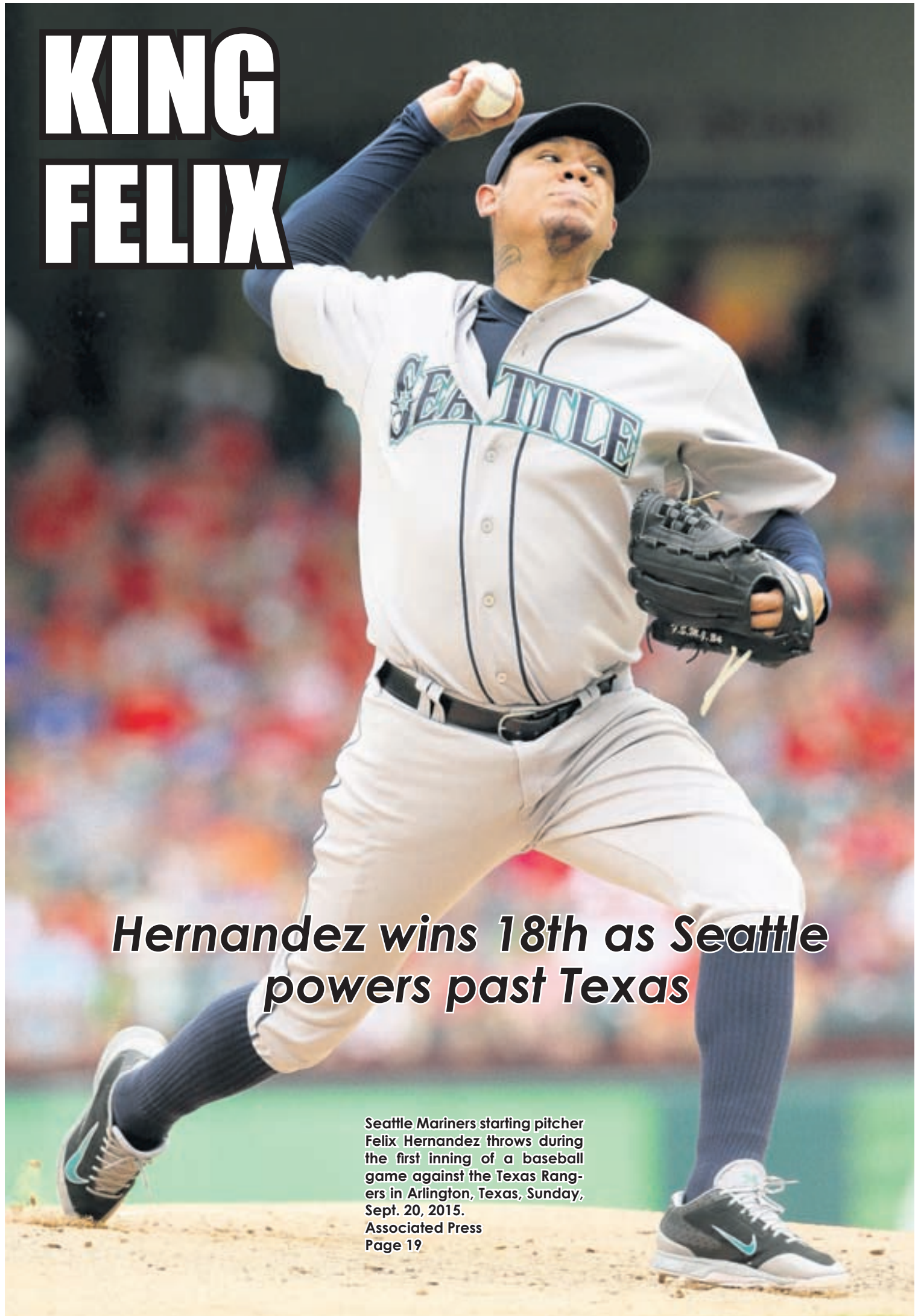
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Former tennis pro James Blake has met with New York's mayor and police commissioner to discuss how he was tackled by a policeman during a mistaken arrest.

Blake describes Monday's meeting as productive. He says he has confidence Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio (BLAH'-zee-oh) is making changes that will have a lasting impact.

Surveillance video of Blake's Sept. 9 arrest outside a Manhattan hotel shows the officer charge at him, grab him by the arm and roughly take him to the ground. The officer has been placed on desk duty.

Blake had said the officer should lose his job. Following the meeting he says he understands the officer has rights and he'll respect the legal process. Police say Blake was mistaken for a crime suspect who looks just like him. □

# KING FELIX



## Hernandez wins 18th as Seattle powers past Texas

Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Felix Hernandez throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers in Arlington, Texas, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015.  
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# Pete Rose says he's 'just happy' to meet with commissioner

BY DAN SEWELL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**OXFORD, Ohio (AP)** — Pete Rose said it's an American tradition to give second chances, although he wouldn't describe himself as optimistic about his application for reinstatement to Major League Baseball being approved.

"I don't know if that's the right word," Rose said Friday in a brief interview between appearances on the campus of Miami University in southwest Ohio. "I think he's his own man, he'll make up his own mind. I'm just happy he's willing to review my status."

First-year commissioner Rob Manfred has said he plans to meet with baseball's banned hit king by the end of the year.

"It's his timetable. He's the boss, my phone's always on," Rose said. "If I get that meeting, I'll look forward to it."

Interviewed by Miami student TV journalists, Rose said repeatedly that he made mistakes and that he hopes others will learn from them.

"I've been suspended a long time, but I made the mistake, and I'm paying the consequences," Rose added. "If I'm ever given a second chance, I'll be the happiest guy in the world. I'm an American. This is America, you get a second chance. ... I won't need a third chance."

Rose's college visit was to be capped by a discussion with Cincinnati Enquirer sports columnist Paul Daugherty about ethics and sports as part of the school's fall lecture series. Miami spokeswoman Claire Wagner said Rose was paid \$30,000 including expenses.

"I'm not going to sit here in Oxford, Ohio, and whine about me being suspended. Because I'm the one who screwed up," Rose said.

But the former player nicknamed Charlie Hustle said: "I never cheated the fans." Rose, now 74, is a Cincinnati native who made his debut with the Reds in 1963. The career hits leader with 4,256 was banned in 1989 for betting on baseball. □



Europe's Suzann Pettersen of Norway tees off in the singles matches on Day3 of the Golf Solheim Cup in St.Leon-Rot, Germany, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015.

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## Suzann Pettersen apologizes for controversial call in Solheim Cup

**ST. LEON-ROT, Germany (AP)** — Suzann Pettersen apologized Monday for making the controversial call that left United States players fuming before their memorable victory in the Solheim Cup.

Pettersen had demanded American rookie Alison Lee be penalized at the 17th hole of their morning four-ball match for picking the ball up when she thought the putt was conceded.

The Norwegian, who initially said Sunday she did the right thing and would "totally" do it again, took to social media to say she "never felt more gutted and truly sad about what went down."

"I am so sorry for not thinking about the bigger picture in the heat of the battle and competition. I was trying my hardest for my team and put the single match and the point that could be earned ahead of sportsmanship and the

game of golf itself! I feel like I let my team down and I am sorry," Pettersen said.

The 34-year-old golfer paid tribute to U.S. captain Juli Inkster, "a great leader" to whom she said she "always looked up to and respect so much."

"Knowing I need to make things 'right,' I had a face to face chat with her before leaving Germany this morning to tell her in person how I really feel about all of this. I wanted her also to know that I am sorry," Pettersen wrote.

"I hope in time the U.S. team will forgive me and know that I have learned a valuable lesson about what is truly important in this great game of golf which has given me so much in my life."

The controversy arose after Lee's birdie putt stopped less than two feet from the hole and she thought the European team conceded when Pettersen's partner

Charley Hull started walking away. However, Hull said she had not been walking off the green but had gone over to consult with Pettersen to see whether they should concede or not. But Lee had already scooped up the ball.

Had the putt been conceded, the hole would have been halved and left the match all-square with one hole to play. Instead, Europe was awarded the hole, and went on to win the match.

That point helped put Europe up 10-6 going into the singles, but the Americans stormed back to win 14 ½ to 13 ½.

Lee, who recovered with a 3 and 1 win over Gwladys Nocera of France, said the team rallied together after the incident.

"Definitely after everything that happened, it definitely fired us all up to go and pretty much kill it, kill it this afternoon," Lee said. □



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### AL Capsules

## Rangers' 7-3 homestand ends with 9-2 loss to M's

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Felix Hernandez became the American League's first 18-game winner, Robinson Cano drove in four runs and Seattle beat AL West-leading Texas.

Texas' division lead was trimmed to 1½ games over second-place Houston. The Rangers finished a 7-3 homestand that included a four-game sweep of the Astros.

Hernandez (18-9) gave up two runs and matched a season high with five walks in 5 2-3 innings. He left with a stiff right elbow, a move the team called precautionary. King Felix is 5-0 against Texas this year.

Cano's 17th homer, a three-run drive in the fifth, put the Mariners up 7-2 and chased Derek Holland (3-3).

#### ASTROS 5, ATHLETICS 1

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Colby Rasmus homered twice and George Springer added a two-run shot to back a solid start by Collin McHugh and help Houston beat Oakland.

The Astros won their second in a row following a five-game skid that knocked them out of first place in the AL West. They are 1½ games behind Texas for first place, and are 2½ games ahead of the Angels for the second wild-card playoff spot.

McHugh (17-7) allowed four hits and one run in eight innings, striking out eight in his fourth straight win.

The 37-year-old Barry Zito pitched in an MLB game for the first time since 2013 and gave up Rasmus' second homer.

Aaron Brooks (2-4) took the loss.

#### RED SOX 4, BLUE JAYS 3

**TORONTO (AP)** — The AL East-leading Toronto Blue Jays lost their grip in the eighth inning, and Boston broke ahead on a sacrifice fly by Jackie Bradley Jr.

Toronto began the day with a 3½-game lead over the New York Yankees, who played at night against the Mets. The Blue Jays host the Yankees in a three-game series starting Monday night.

Pablo Sandoval reached in the eighth on an error by Toronto reliever Brett Cecil (3-5) and later scored on Bradley's fly when catcher Dioner Navarrp couldn't handle the short-hop throw. Rich Hill (1-0) struck out 10 in his first big league win since July 14, 2013, when he pitched in relief for Cleveland.

Robbie Ross Jr. finished for his fourth save and second in two days.

#### TWINS 8, ANGELS 1

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Rookie Tyler Duffey pitched seven shutout innings, Eddie Rosario and Joe Mauer hit two-run homers, and Minnesota pulled even with Los Angeles in the AL wild-card race.

The teams are 2½ games behind Houston for the second wild card.



Seattle Mariners Nelson Cruz (23) scores on wild pitch by Texas Rangers starting pitcher Derek Holland, right, during the fourth inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015.

A day after the Angels swept a day-night doubleheader, Duffey (4-1) stopped the Twins' five-game losing streak.

Torii Hunter put the Twins ahead with a solo homer in the second off Matt Shoemaker (7-10).

#### INDIANS 6, WHITE SOX 3

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Josh Tomlin pitched 5 2-3 scoreless innings, Lonnie Chisenhall homered and drove in three runs as Cleveland defeated Chicago.

Cleveland stayed four games behind Houston for the AL's second wild card. The Angels and Twins also are ahead of them.

Tomlin (6-2) allowed four hits and matched a season

high with eight strikeouts. Cody Allen got his 31st save in 35 chances.

Chisenhall's homer highlighted a three-run second inning against John Danks (7-13).

#### ROYALS 10, TIGERS 3

**DETROIT (AP)** — Kendrys Morales hit three home runs and a triple, setting a team record with 15 total bases as Kansas City beat Detroit to avoid a three-game sweep.

Morales hit three solo shots and scored five runs.

Christian Colon had a career-high four hits for the AL Central leading-Royals and Paulo Orlando homered.

Kris Medlen (5-1) allowed three unearned runs and five hits in five innings. Dany Duffey pitched four innings for first career save. Alfredo Simon (13-10) was tagged for eight runs and 13 hits in 4 1-3 innings.

#### RAYS 7, ORIOLES 6

**ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)** — Pinch-hitter Bran-

don Guyer led off the ninth inning with a tying homer and Kevin Kiermaier beat out a two-out single for the winning run as Tampa Bay rallied past Baltimore.

Chris Davis hit his MLB-leading 43rd homer for the Orioles, who lost for the fourth time in 12 games. Baltimore fell 5 1-2 games behind Houston for the second AL wild card.

Trying for his 35th save, Zach Britton (4-1) instead let a 6-5 lead get away and wound up with his fourth blown chance. With the bases loaded and two outs, Kiermaier hit a slow roller to second and was safe.

Kirby Yates (1-0) got two outs for the win.

In other AL games it was Boston 4, Toronto 3; Kansas City 10, Detroit 3; Tampa Bay 7, Baltimore 6; Cleveland 6, Chicago White Sox 3; Minnesota 8, L.A. Angels 1; Houston 5, Oakland 1; Seattle 9, Texas 2; and N.Y. Yankees 11, N.Y. Mets 2. □

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## NL Capsules

# Yankees take Subway Series with 11-2 win over Mets

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Carlos Beltran, CC Sabathia and the New York Yankees took advantage of Matt Harvey's early exit, beating the sloppy Mets 11-2 Sunday to tighten the AL East race just in time for a critical trip to Toronto.

Dustin Ackley hit a three-run homer after Beltran's go-ahead double, and Sabathia (5-9) won for the first time since July 8 as the Yankees took two of three at Citi Field to win both Subway Series this season. New York, which leads the wild-card playoff standings, moved within 2 1/2 games of first-place Toronto heading into a three-game set beginning Monday.

The only bad news for the Bronx Bombers: Masahiro Tanaka won't make his scheduled start in the series because of a strained right hamstring.

Harvey looks fully healthy, but was pulled for Hansel Robles (4-3) after five scoreless innings. The Mets are limiting Harvey's workload down the stretch even as they try to close out an NL East championship.

**CARDINALS 4, CUBS 3**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Cardinals star catcher Yadier Molina exited after spraining his left thumb on a tag and playoff-bound St. Louis ended Chicago's five-game winning streak.

Molina said he would get

an MRI on Monday.

The NL Central-leading Cardinals have already clinched a postseason slot. They are six games ahead of Chicago, which holds the second wild-card playoff spot.

Molina was injured tagging Anthony Rizzo in the

first time Berry had been caught after starting his career with 25 steals over four seasons.

Trevor Rosenthal got his 46th save in 48 chances. Carlos Martinez (14-7) threw four-hit ball into the seventh.

Cardinals rookies Tommy

four hits and four RBIs as Washington beat Miami.

The Nationals moved within 6 1-2 games of the NL East-leading New York Mets, who played the Yankees later Sunday.

Escobar was 4 for 4 and had a three-run double in a seven-run sixth inning.

Justin Nicolino (3-4) allowed seven runs in 5 2-3 innings.

**BREWERS 8, REDS 4**

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Adam Lind drove in three runs and Milwaukee ended an eight-game losing streak, taking advantage of Cincinnati's poor fielding.

Jay Bruce homered twice for the Reds.

Ariel Pena (2-0) got the win. Anthony DeSclafani (9-11) took the loss.

**BRAVES 2, PHILLIES 1**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Julio Teheran took a perfect game try into the seventh inning and A.J. Pierzynski hit an RBI single in the ninth that lifted Atlanta over Philadelphia.

Teheran's bid was spoiled by Freddy Galvis' leadoff single in the seventh.

Peter Moylan (1-0) got two outs for the win. Luis Garcia (3-6) took the loss.

**PIRATES 4, DODGERS 3**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Gerrit Cole (17-8) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings and struck out nine, improving to 3-0 in four career starts against Los Angeles. Tony Watson and Mark Melancon followed with perfect innings of relief, and Melancon got his 48th save.

Starling Marte homered off Mike Bolsinger (6-4) to break a tie in the third. Pedro Alvarez had a go-ahead homer in the fourth. Pittsburgh, which trails NL Central-leading St. Louis by four games, is a MLB-best 34-17 in one-run games and improved to 23-6 against the NL West.

**GIANTS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 1**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Buster Posey hit a three-run homer and Tim Hudson (8-8) allowed four hits in six scoreless innings, improving to 11-2 against Arizona. Alejandro De Aza and Jarrett Parker also drove in runs for the Giants, who ended a 35-inning scoreless streak at home against Arizona pitching. The Giants had lost six straight home games to the Diamondbacks. Jeremy Hellickson (9-10) took a one-hitter into the sixth. □



**New York Mets third baseman David Wright, left, loses track of the throw for an error as the ball bounces behind him with New York Yankees Jacoby Ellsbury (22) pulling up at third in the sixth inning of a baseball game in New York, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015. Wright was charged with an error on the play.**

**Associated Press**

eighth. Right fielder Jason Heyward threw out Rizzo on Addison Russell's no-out, bases-loaded fly.

In the ninth, pinch-runner Quintin Berry was thrown out trying to steal second by Molina's replacement, Tony Cruz. It was the

Pham and Stephen Piscotty homered. Jon Lester (10-11) took the loss.

**NATIONALS 13, MARLINS 3**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Stephen Strasburg struck out 10 in an encore to one of the best starts of his career, and Yunel Escobar had

Bryce Harper had three hits, including a double, and scored three times.

Strasburg (10-7) allowed one earned run in seven innings as Washington won its third straight. He tied a career high with 14 strikeouts in his last start.



**New York Liberty's Swin Cash (32) goes to the basket past Washington Mystics' Emma Meesseman (33) during the second half of a WNBA basketball playoff game on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, in Washington.**

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playoff series with wins at home on Sunday.

Tina Charles scored 17 of her 22 points in the third quarter to help the Liberty beat the Washington Mystics 86-68 in the Eastern Conference semifinals, tying the series at 1-all.

Candace Parker scored 25 points to lead the Sparks over the Minnesota Lynx 81-71 and even up the Western Conference semifinals at a game apiece.

Charles, who only had five points in the first half, took over in the third quarter, hitting shots from all over the court — including a 3-pointer. She helped New York extend a seven-point halftime lead to 18 by the end of the third quarter.

Taylor Hill led the Mystics

with 19 points, hitting six 3-pointers — five of them in the first half.

Parker, meanwhile, scored 15 points in the second quarter on 5-for-7 shooting. She had eight straight points during a 12-0 run to help the Sparks take a 53-35 lead into halftime.

Ana Dabovic added a career-high 18 points for the Sparks, who won their first playoff game since 2013.

Maya Moore led Minnesota with 27 points. □

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The New York Liberty and Los Angeles Sparks both forced a decisive Game 3 in their respective WNBA

## Liberty, Sparks even WNBA playoff series with wins



## NFL capsules

# 'Boys top Eagles to improve to 2-0, but lose QB Romo

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Tony Romo joined Dez Bryant on the injured list with a broken left collarbone, but the Dallas Cowboys shut down DeMarco Murray and beat the Philadelphia Eagles 20-10 in the NFL on Sunday.

Kyle Wilber returned a blocked punt 26 yards for touchdown, Brandon Weeden threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to Terrence Williams and the Cowboys (2-0) overcame a team-record 18 penalties in their 10th consecutive road win.

Romo suffered a similar injury in Week 7 in 2010 and missed the rest of the season. The team said he'll be evaluated on Monday. Dallas already lost Bryant last week. The All-Pro receiver will miss at least six weeks after having foot surgery.

Murray had 2 yards rushing on 13 carries in his first game against his former team. Sam Bradford had three turnovers, including an interception in the end zone, for the Eagles (0-2). PACKERS 27, SEAHAWKS 17 GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AP) — Aaron Rodgers threw for two touchdowns and Green Bay outlasted Seattle in a rematch of last season's NFC title game.

Rodgers orchestrated a 10-play, 80-yard scoring drive, capped by a 5-yard scoring pass to Richard Rodgers. A 2-point conversion made it 24-17 with 9:28 left. Jayrone Elliott made a lunging, one-handed interception of a short pass from Russell Wilson with 6:50 left, one of the rare mistakes in the second half for Seattle's dual-threat quarterback. The Packers cashed in with one of Mason Crosby's four field goals on the night for a 10-point lead with 2 minutes remaining.

The Packers blew a 16-0 lead against the Seahawks in the NFL playoffs last year. They held on after giving up 13-3 lead at halftime on Sunday.

BROWNS 28, TITANS 14

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Johnny Manziel threw a 60-yard touchdown pass to Travis Benjamin on Cleveland's second play and connected with his wide receiver again for a clutch 50-yarder with 2:52 left, lifting the Browns over Tennessee.

Benjamin also returned a punt 78 yards for a TD in the first half as the Browns got just their third home-opening win since 1999.

Starting in place of injured Josh McCown, Manziel finished 8 of 15 for 172 yards. His last completion was vintage Johnny Football as Manziel spun to his left to avoid pressure and threw deep to Benjamin.

Manziel won his Heisman Trophy matchup with Marcus Mariota, who threw two TD passes in the second half for the Titans, but took a pounding in his second game. The No. 2 overall draft pick was sacked seven times.

BUCCANEERS 29, SAINTS 19 NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Jameis Winston passed for a touchdown and ran for another and Tampa Bay held on against mistake-prone New Orleans.

Winston, who was intercepted twice and sacked four times in a losing NFL debut at home a week earlier, remained largely composed in the hostile Superdome. He completed 14 of 21 passes for 207 yards and was not intercepted. He lost one fumble, but the Saints couldn't cash in.

RAIDERS 37, RAVENS 33 OAKLAND, California (AP) — Derek Carr threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Seth Roberts with 26 seconds left to cap the most productive day of his young career and lead Oakland.

Carr threw for a career-high 351 yards and three touchdowns and overcame a late interception that put the Raiders in a hole in the closing minutes. But Carr went 7 for 9 for 65 yards on the winning drive, aided by a personal foul

on Timmy Jernigan and a hold on Will Hill III that negated an interception.

Joe Flacco threw for 384 yards and two scores for the Ravens.

VIKINGS 26, LIONS 16 MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Adrian Peterson had 192 total yards and Minnesota rebounded from a rough season opener.

Peterson, playing in front of a pro-Vikings crowd for the first time in 658 days, rushed 29 times for 134 yards after receiving a pregame standing ovation out of the tunnel and a couple of "AP! AP! AP!" chants from the fans on a sun-soaked afternoon. Teddy Bridgewater played a smart, sharp game for Minnesota. He threw for one touchdown and ran for another. Matthew Stafford was erratic for the Lions, who fell behind 14-0 early in the second quarter.

JAGUARS 23, DOLPHINS 20 JACKSONVILLE, Florida (AP) — Rookie Jason Myers kicked a 28-yard field goal with 40 seconds remaining for Jacksonville.

The Jaguars took over with 1:48 left, and Blake Bortles put them in field-goal range with pass plays of 18, 19 and 9 yards. The Dolphins provided some help, too, with a 15-yard personal foul penalty called on Olivier Vernon. The defensive end was flagged for hitting tight end Clay Harbor after the whistle, making it a chip shot for Myers. CARDINALS 48, BEARS 23 CHICAGO (AP) — Carson Palmer threw for four touchdowns to lead Arizona in a game that saw Chicago lose Jay Cutler to a hamstring injury.

Palmer connected with Larry Fitzgerald for three TDs, David Johnson returned the opening kickoff a club-record 108 yards and added a rushing TD. And coach Bruce Arians gained a measure of revenge after the Bears hired Marc Trestman over him in January 2013. □



Philadelphia Eagles' Jordan Hicks (58) tackles Dallas Cowboys' Tony Romo (9) after a fumble during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, in Philadelphia.

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# Kristin Armstrong riding latest comeback at cycling worlds

**By Dave Skretta**  
**AP SPORTS WRITER**

**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)** -- She might be the greatest female cyclist in U.S. history, a two-time Olympic time trial gold medalist and world champion who has inspired an entire generation of riders.

She's also a coach. A mother. A philanthropist. A community health director.

Given everything she juggles, it was hardly a surprise when Kristin Armstrong announced her retirement for the second time after the London Olympics. And given her competitive nature, it was only a mild surprise when she announced another comeback earlier this year.

"She still had that fire burning inside her," explained Nicola Cranmer, her long-time friend and the general manager of Armstrong's Twenty16 Professional Cycling team.

"When she retired the first time, then came back, it seemed like, 'OK, that made sense. She stopped to have a baby,'" Cranmer said. "This time, she thought about it long and hard, went through a couple hip surgeries. We all thought, 'I don't know how much of a reality it is,' but it was only well into this year that she decided to

give it a go."

On Tuesday, Armstrong's comeback will culminate in the world championship time trial, an event she won in 2006 and 2009 but that has never been more important. With her third

success."

Winning another world title won't be an easy task.

Lisa Brennauer of Germany is back to defend her gold. Ellen van Dijk of the Netherlands, the champion two years ago, is also on

will be a very tough and close battle for the medals."

It certainly didn't become any easier for Brennauer when Armstrong jumped into the fray.

By most accounts, she had

a degenerative hip condition that will one day require a replacement.

The one thing she didn't do much of was train, at least at the same level that made her one of the world's best. But then the itch came back, the desire to see whether she still had it.

Armstrong finished third at the Tour of California time trial in May, her first major race back. Then she won the national championship, guaranteeing her spot at worlds. From there, she headed to the USA Pro Challenge, where she not only won the time trial but the overall title.

Clearly, Armstrong still had it. "Every time she comes back, she puts everything on the table again and gambles it," said Jim Miller, the vice president of USA Cycling in charge of its national teams. "If you're not motivated to come back and challenge yourself at the extreme, you have problems."

Her return hasn't been without hiccups.

Armstrong got into a dispute with USA Cycling over the selection criteria for the Pan American championships in Mexico - first she was part of the team, then she was removed when a different set of criteria was used. □



**FILE** This Friday Sept. 18, 2015 file photo shows Kristin Armstrong, front, as she joins other members of the USA Women's cycling team at the start/finish line during preparations for the UCI Road World Championships in Richmond, Va.

**Associated Press**

title, or simply a podium finish, she would guarantee a spot at next year's Rio Olympics.

"Kristin isn't coming back just to be a player. She's coming back to win another gold medal," Cranmer said. "She's setting herself up really well for

the start list. Then there are Armstrong's own teammates on the U.S. roster - Evie Stevens won bronze a year ago, Carmen Small the year before that.

"I expect a very tight and close race," Brennauer said. "My opponents are all very strong. I expect it

been happily enjoying retirement. Armstrong spent time with her son, Lucas, and enjoyed hiking and the outdoors. She worked part time for a hospital in community outreach, promoting a healthy lifestyle. She even squeezed in a couple operations to ease

# Yannick Noah appointed as new France Davis Cup captain

**SAMUEL PETREQUIN**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**PARIS (AP)** — Yannick Noah, the last Frenchman to win a Grand Slam tournament, was appointed as the country's Davis Cup captain on Monday.

Noah replaced Arnaud Clement, who was fired last week following a disappointing campaign and growing tension between him and the players.

Noah, who has reinvented himself into a successful singer but remains a highly popular figure in French tennis circles, will captain the team for the third time after guiding France to Davis Cup titles in 1991 and 1996.



**In this May 27, 2008 file photo, former tennis ace Yannick Noah, of France, winner of the French Open tennis tournament in 1983, inaugurates a walking path which bears his name, at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris.**

**Associated Press**

His biggest success as a player came when he won the French Open in 1983

for his only Grand Slam title. His son, Joakim Noah, is a two-time NBA All-Star for

the Chicago Bulls.

The French tennis federation said in a statement that Noah will be in charge of the Davis Cup "for the 2016 campaign."

France last won the Davis Cup in 2001 and finished runner-up three times since, in 2002, 2010 and 2014, when Clement led the team to the final. After the loss to Switzerland last year, Noah had already expressed his interest in taking over, on the condition that players supported his nomination.

France's 3-1 loss to Britain in the quarterfinals this summer was a key factor in the federation's decision to sack Clement, whose

deteriorated relationship with Jo-Wilfried Tsonga also weakened his position.

"I think some (players) asked for a change," Clement said last week. "But a vast majority of players supported me and I believe they would have been happy to continue with me next year."

Noah helped France create one of the biggest upsets in Davis Cup history when it captured its first title in 59 years by beating the defending champion United States in 1991, earning a reputation as a miracle man. He is also a natural showman whose eccentricities still delight the fans. □



# Review: Apple Watch improves with new software

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Apple Watch's new software brings useful enhancements, though it's not the same as getting a new watch.

That same watch can now do more. For the first time, non-Apple apps are able to display video and use the watch's sensors and controls. In addition, the watch now works with Wi-Fi, extending how far you can go without a phone with you. These enhancements address many of my initial frustrations with the watch.

But the hardware itself isn't changing, apart for some new color and band choices. Promised battery life remains at 18 hours, something Apple will need to address in upcoming generations given that rival smartwatches are promising more. For now, you might need to buy a spare charger to give the watch a power boost while you're sitting at work. Even 15 minutes will help.

The watchOS 2 update for Apple Watch arrived Monday, delayed by nearly a week as Apple fixed an unspecified bug.

The update comes as Apple Inc. pulled several Chi-

nese apps, including the popular WeChat, from its app store after third-party developers were tricked into inserting malicious code into their apps. The

their iPhones and iPads and get new versions from the app store once they are available.

As for the watch update, first make sure your phone

during your runs. I've found that to swing wildly on all sorts of fitness trackers, including Apple Watch. During my most recent marathon, my usually reliable

the settings on the phone to change that.

— The watch also tracks mile-by-mile splits for the first time, matching what many phone apps, the Fit-bit Surge and the Microsoft Band offer. It's not the same as choosing your own splits manually, such as after each lap on a track. But it's progress. The splits aren't displayed on the watch, though, but in the Activity app on the phone after you sync your workout.

— The nagging reminders that you need to stand up if you've been sitting at your desk for too long can be paused if you happen to be on a flight or a road trip. And it's clearer whether you've already earned credit for standing during a given hour. A blinking blue bar appears in the Activity app on the watch if you haven't yet.

You also have more choices for watch faces: Choose photos of your kids or friends to appear on the main watch screen. Or choose time-lapse video from one of six cities. At 10 p.m. your time, you see what Paris or Shanghai looks like at 10 p.m. local time. It's cheaper than a flight. When charging, the watch functions like an alarm clock on a nightstand. □



In this March 9, 2015 file photo, attendees get a look at varieties of the new Apple Watch on display in the demo room after an Apple event in San Francisco. Associated Press

malicious software isn't believed to affect the watch's functionality, though it could collect data on the tethered iPhone and send them to remote servers, according to security experts. Users should delete any Chinese apps they got or updated recently from

has the latest software, iOS 9. Then go to the Apple Watch app on the phone, choose "General" and then "Software Update." Apple's own fitness apps are smarter with Monday's update:

— Before, the watch displayed only current pace

Garmin GPS had me going faster than two minutes a mile at one point — more than three times as fast as the winners. Average pace is more useful, as it factors in the occasional errant readings. The watch finally lets you choose that instead, though you need to dig in

## Apple withdraws some China apps after malware found

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**BEIJING (AP)** — Apple Inc. has removed some applications from its App Store after developers in China were tricked into using software tools that added malicious code in an unusual security breach.

Apple gave no details of which companies were affected. But Tencent Ltd. said its popular WeChat app was affected and the company released a new version after spotting the malicious code. Chinese news reports said others affected included banks, an airline and a popular music service.

The malicious code spread

through a counterfeit version of Apple's Xcode tools used to create apps for its iPhones and iPads, according to the company. It said the counterfeit tools spread when developers obtained them from "untrusted sources" rather than directly from the company.

The malicious software collects information from infected devices and uploads it to outside servers, according to Palo Alto Networks, a U.S.-based security firm.

It was first publicized last week by security researchers at Alibaba Group, the e-commerce giant, who dubbed it XcodeGhost.

The creators of the malware took advantage of public frustration with Beijing's Internet filters, which hamper access to Apple and other foreign websites. That prompts some people to use copies of foreign software or documents that are posted on websites within China to speed up access.

"Sometimes network speeds are very slow when downloading large files from Apple's servers," wrote Claud Xiao, a Palo Alto Networks researcher, on its website. Due to the large size of the Xcode file, "some Chinese developers choose to download the package from other



In this Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 photo, a man uses his iPhone to take picture as people crowd at a newly-opened Apple Store in Nanjing in east China's Jiangsu province. Associated Press

sources or get copies from colleagues."

Companies with apps that were affected include taxi-hailing service Didi Kuaidi, Citic Industrial Bank, China Southern Airlines and the music service of NetEase, a popular Web portal, ac-

cording to the newspaper Yangcheng Evening News. The incident is the only the sixth time malicious software is known to have made it through Apple's screening process for products on its App Store, according to Xiao. □



## Stocks end higher, led by financial shares

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stocks rose broadly on Monday, recouping some losses from a sell-off last week, as investors tried to look beyond uncertainty about the outlook for interest rates. The major U.S. indexes dipped into losses in the afternoon on sharp declines for drugmakers. The drop was sparked by a tweet from Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton about plans to unveil policy proposals that would stop "price gouging" in the industry. But rising technology and bank-

tors in the index rose. The Nasdaq composite gained 1.73 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 4,828.95. Last week's broad slump last week was triggered by a decision from the Federal Reserve not to raise interest rates. Low borrowing rates have helped stocks triple in price since 2009, and a decision to keep them low normally would encourage investors to buy shares. But the central bank cited concerns over a global economic slowdown for delaying a hike, and that spooked investors already on edge after weeks of second-guessing growth

drugs, was among the big losers after Clinton's comments on drugmakers. The stock dropped \$17.51, or 5.6 percent, to \$297.16. Dow members Pfizer, Merck and Johnson & Johnson also fell. Atmel, a California-based semiconductor company, was one of the day's big winners. The stock surged after the company accepted an offer worth about \$4.6 billion in cash and stock from Britain's Dialog Semiconductor. Atmel provides electronics products used in the industrial, automotive, consumer, communications,



**A specialist works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks rose broadly on Monday, recouping some losses from a sell-off last week, as investors tried to look beyond uncertainty about the outlook for interest rates. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)**

ing shares helped lift the market by the end of the day.

Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank, said investors have been rewarded for buying after sell-offs during the current bull market that has run for more than six years, and so they were inclined to buy again.

"Investors who have been buying the dips in recent years have benefited," he said, "so perhaps they'll use that strategy until it doesn't work anymore."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 125.61 points, or 0.8 percent, to 16,510.19.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 8.94 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,966.97. Nine of the 10 industry sec-

in China and the impact of struggling emerging markets with plunging currencies.

Financial stocks rose Monday after comments from Federal Reserve officials over the weekend suggested some still foresee a rate increase as likely this year. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta President Dennis Lockhart said on Monday that he was "confident" of a rate rise this year.

Citigroup rose 42 cents, or 0.8 percent, to \$50.71. Stocks of financial companies dropped sharply on Friday over fears that lenders would have to hold off increasing borrowing rates on their customers since the Fed had decided to hold off on hiking rates itself. Biogen, a maker of specialty

and computing markets. Its stock jumped 92 cents, or 13 percent, to \$8.19.

In Europe, stocks stabilized from losses on Friday. Britain's FTSE 100 index rose 0.1 percent while the CAC-40 in France climbed 1.1 percent. Germany's DAX rose 0.3 percent.

The price of oil rose on expectations that U.S. production would continue to slip, helping to eventually ease the supply glut. Investors are also betting that a higher price for wholesale gasoline could spur refiners to process more crude. U.S. crude rose \$2 to close at \$46.68 a barrel in New York. Brent Crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, rose \$1.45 to close at \$48.92 in London. □

## VW rocked by emissions scandal as DOJ prosecutors come calling

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**BERLIN (AP)** — Volkswagen's chief executive was under withering pressure Monday as an emissions-testing scandal erased more than 13 billion euros (around \$15 billion) from the company's market value in a single trading session.

The stock plunge followed revelations that the German carmaker had rigged U.S. emissions tests for about 500,000 diesel cars. VW CEO Martin Winterkorn apologized, acknowledging that his company had "broken the trust of our customers and the public." But saying sorry wasn't enough for investors digesting the financial and reputational implications of the scandal on the world's top-selling carmaker.

Volkswagen's share price plunged a stunning 17.1 percent Monday in the first trading since the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the violations, reaching a near three-year low of 133.70 euros, after tumbling more than 20 percent earlier in the day. VW has halted U.S. sales of the affected vehicles and pledged to cooperate with regulators in an investigation that could potentially lead to \$18 billion in fines against the company. This case also could test the U.S. Justice Department's initiative, announced Sept. 9, to hold individual executives accountable for corporate wrongdoing. "We will be working closely with DOJ throughout this investigation," EPA spokeswoman Liz Purchia said. Separately, a VW official confirmed that the Justice Department has contacted the company about the case. The official spoke on condition of anonymity for lack of authorization to discuss the matter publicly. The EPA warned VW that it may refer the case to Justice for enforcement, and noted that in addition to corporate fines of up to \$37,500 per vehicle, individuals could be fined \$3,750 per violation of the Clean Air Act, which could theoretically add up to \$1.9 billion, given that half a million cars are involved. Industry analysts said the VW CEO faces difficult questions in the coming days, particularly when the company's board is scheduled to meet Friday.

"At the moment, I'd be surprised if Winterkorn can ride this out, but in Germany there's often a slightly slower process in these matters," said Christian Stadler, a professor of strategic management at Warwick Business School. If VW were a U.S. company, the CEO would have gone more or less immediately, he said.

Volkswagen's woes were felt across the European car market Monday. France's Renault SA watched its share price drop 3.2 percent, and BMW AG ended 1.5 percent lower. Daimler AG, which owns Mercedes-Benz, dropped 1.4 percent.

The EPA says Volkswagen violated the federal Clean Air Act by installing "defeat devices" — software programmed to switch engines to a cleaner mode during official emissions testing. The software then switches off again, enabling cars to emit as much as 40 times the legal limit of pollutants during normal driving.

For a company to engage in such blatant trickery, top executives must have been informed, said Guido Reinking, a German auto expert.

Winterkorn is an engineer by training who led research and development across the VW group beginning in 2007, and became chairman of the management board the same year.

The illegal software was made and installed in vehicles with 2.0-liter diesel engines during the model years 2009 through 2015, the EPA said. They include the Audi A3, VW Jetta, Beetle, Golf and Passat models. □



## Macy's plans to add 85K seasonal holiday hiring workers

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Macy's Inc. plans to hire about 85,000 seasonal workers for temporary jobs ahead of the holidays to meet expected higher demand. That is about the same as a year ago.

The announcement comes as other retailers announce their hiring plans ahead of the holiday season. Many companies boost their workforces temporarily to

meet increased demand. The pace of hiring at a retailer can serve as an indicator of expectations for the holiday shopping season, which accounts for 20 percent of the industry's annual sales, according to the National Retail Federation.

The positions will be filled at Macy's and Bloomingdale's stores, call centers, distribution centers and on-

line fulfillment centers nationwide.

Specifically, about 12,000 of the 85,000 total seasonal positions will be based in direct-to-consumer fulfillment facilities that support sales generated by the company's omnichannel business strategy.

About 1,600 people will be hired to interact with customers via telephone, email and online chat at

customer service centers. More than 1,000 people will be hired across the country to support the 88th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Santaland and other iconic holiday events. Cincinnati, Ohio-based Macy's employs about 166,900 people on a year-round basis.

Elsewhere, retailer Kohl's Corp. has said it expects to hire more than 69,000 work-

ers, up from 67,000 in the 2014 holiday season. Toys R Us plans to hire 40,000 people to work at stores and distribution centers around the country, which is down from 45,000 last holiday season.

Shares of Macy's rose 5 cents to \$54.11 in midday trading Monday. Its shares are down almost 10 percent over the past year. □

## Smartphone maker HTC booted out of blue chip index

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**Associated Press**

**TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)** — Taiwan's stock exchange has removed smartphone maker HTC from its index of blue chip companies, signposting the dramatic decline of a business that once ranked as Taiwan's No. 1 brand and dazzled consumers with some of the world's first Android handsets.

The exchange removed HTC from its FTSE TWSE Taiwan 50 index on Monday after the company's market value declined below the level required for inclusion in the market benchmark. The index lists Taiwan's 50 biggest companies which together represent 70 percent of the market's value.

It's a humbling comedown for a company that once sold more than 1 in 10 of phones worldwide, received plaudits for innovation and represented Taiwan's ambitions to spawn its own globally recognized electronics brands.

In the past several years, HTC has struggled because of marketing and supply chain glitches as well as intense competition from Apple, Samsung Electronics



Used HTC smartphones sit on display in a phone shop in Taipei, Taiwan, Monday, Sept. 21, 2015. Taiwan's stock exchange has removed smartphone maker HTC from its index of blue chip companies, signposting the dramatic decline of a business that once ranked as Taiwan's No. 1 brand and dazzled consumers with some of the world's first Android handsets.

(AP Photo/Wally Santana)

and Chinese makers such as Xiaomi. Last month, it announced a 15 percent cut in its staff of about 15,700 after a second-quarter loss of \$247 million.

"They made a lot of missteps, but they were also caught in the crosshairs of a shift to commoditization of the market," said John Brebeck, senior Taipei ad-

viser with Hong Kong investment consultancy Peace Field.

HTC, an 18-year-old company that started out doing contract work for other high-tech firms, came out with its HTC Magic phone in 2008.

It ran on Google's Android operating system when other vendors were still

working on feature phones — the kind with buttons rather than touchscreens. Company revenues shot up 93 percent in 2010.

By early 2011 those handsets, backed by a reputation for lightness and technical quality, had taken HTC to its world market share peak of 10.7 percent. That year the New York-

based consultancy Interbrand ranked HTC as the No. 98 brand worldwide. That laurel cast the company whose initials stand for "high tech computer" as a model for an island dependent for decades on high-tech contract work but with few globally known brands of its own.

HTC's decline began as the number of smartphone vendors surged along with total shipments that reached 1.2 billion units last year, up 28 percent over 2013.

Samsung and Apple captured the United States through sales contracts with wireless carriers while local Chinese brands such as Lenovo and Xiaomi led in China as HTC was trying to establish a customer base. Its world market share is estimated now at 3 to 4 percent.

HTC attributes its losses to slowing use of high-end Android phones, changes in its product lineup and increased competition.

It will keep working on high-end handsets along with connected devices and "virtual reality," the company's media office said last week. □

## Lennar 3Q results top Street, delivers more homes

**MIAMI (AP)** — Lennar's fiscal third-quarter results beat analysts' estimates as it delivered more homes and saw a rise in new orders thanks to an improving housing market. Its shares rose more than 2 percent in morning trading Monday. Steady job growth coupled with low mortgage rates

has improved home sales this year. As the recovery enters its seventh year, more Americans have rebuilt their savings, increased their home equity and returned to the real estate market.

Lennar earned \$223.3 million, or 96 cents per share,

for the period ended Aug. 31. That compares with \$177.8 million, or 78 cents per share, a year earlier.

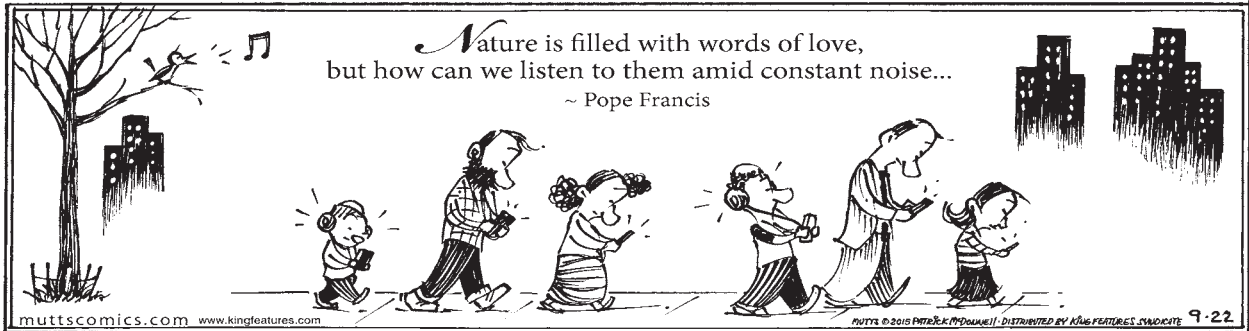
The results topped Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of nine analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of 79 cents per share. Revenue for the

Miami company totaled \$2.49 billion, also beating Street forecasts. Three analysts surveyed by Zacks expected \$2.42 billion. Lennar Corp. said that deliveries climbed 16 percent in the quarter, and new orders increased 10 percent to 6,495 homes. The new home and rental mar-

kets continued to have significant pent-up demand, which positions us well for years to come," CEO Stuart Miller said in a written statement on Monday. Its shares rose \$1.37, or 2.6 percent, to \$53.12 in morning trading Monday. Its shares have risen almost 29 percent over the past year. □



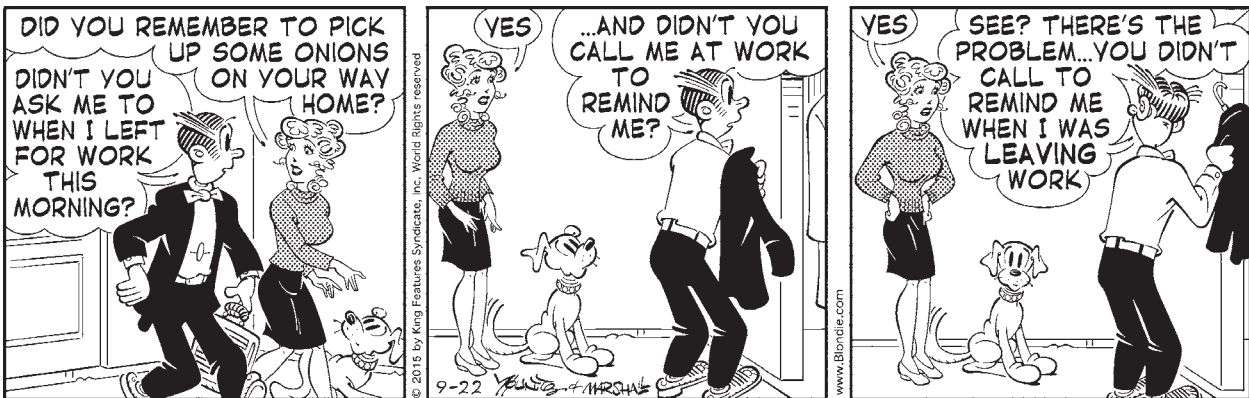
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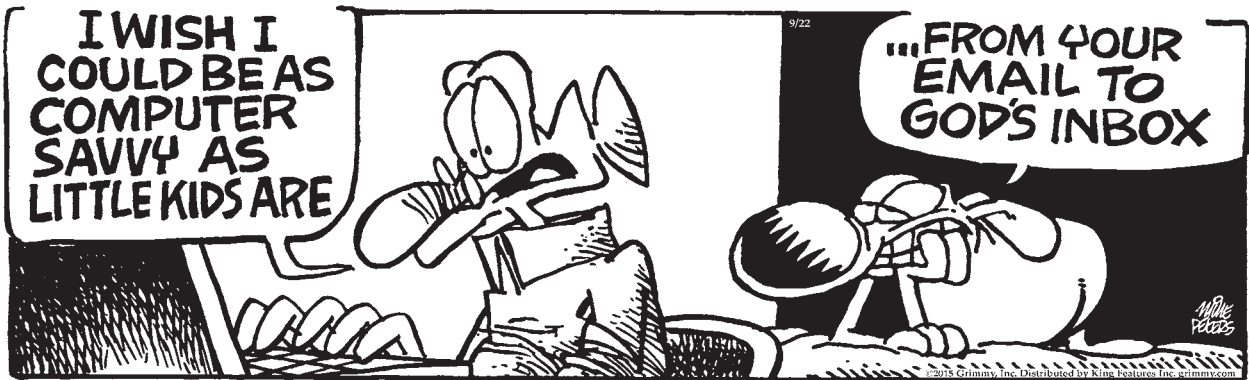
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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67 Twilight

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## Monday's Puzzle Solved

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27	Vestibule		
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29	Hired vehicle		
31	Not shy about expressing one's opinion		
32	Gladden		
33	Pays a landlord		
35	Tiny vegetable		
36	Nev. 's neighbor		
38	Place to eat		

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## FDA experts will review safety of Essure birth control implant

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Federal medical experts will take a closer look at a host of problems reported with the birth control implant called Essure, including chronic pain, bleeding, headaches and allergic reactions.

The Food and Drug Administration on Monday posted a 90-page review of Essure online, ahead of a Thursday meeting where experts will re-examine the safety and effectiveness of the implant.

Essure has been available for 13 years, but since 2013 the FDA has received a surge of complaints from women implanted with the device, which is marketed as the only permanent birth control method that doesn't require surgery. Essure consists of two tiny, metallic coils that are inserted into the fallopian tubes, where they are intended to trigger the growth of scar tissue that eventually blocks sperm. Bayer sells the device as an alternative to traditional surgical procedures used to "tie the tubes," via incision.

The product's warning labeling lists a number of side effects and risks, including short-term pain and bleeding after the procedure. The label also warns that the device can slip out of position into the lower abdomen or pelvis,

which can require surgery to remove. Additionally, Essure is made of a nickel-titanium alloy that can cause allergic reactions — such as itching and hives — in some patients.

But thousands of women have attributed other problems to the implant, including some not listed on the warning label: chronic pain, fatigue, weight gain and depression. Many of those complaints have been shared through social media, including a Facebook page called Essure Problems, which has over 20,000 members.

The FDA will ask its experts to weigh on seemingly conflicting information about the device's safety. Studies conducted by the manufacturer and other researchers suggest chronic pain and other long-term problems are rare with Essure. But the FDA is also responding to concerns from patients, who have called on the agency to withdraw Essure. An FDA search of social media uncovered more than 20,000 mentions of problems with Essure, mostly from Twitter.

Kim Hudak, 43, said she hopes the FDA meeting will be the first step toward pulling Essure from the market. Hudak had the device removed in 2013 after years of pain, fatigue and other symptoms that she attributes to the implant. □

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## Study: U.S. puts twice as much trash in landfills than thought

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AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

Americans are sending more than twice as much trash to landfills as the federal government has estimated, according to a new study.

It turns out that on average Americans toss 2.3 kilograms (five pounds) of trash per person per day into its landfills, according to an analysis of figures from the same study, which is based on actual landfill measurements instead of government estimates.

For years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency relied on estimates to determine how much trash was being sent to landfills. But in 2010, the agency required most municipal landfills to measure and report how much trash was heading into the dumps, as part of an effort to lower heat-trapping methane emissions. Researchers at Yale University looked at the records for more than



In this Dec. 6, 2012 file photo, trash is compacted at the landfill in Moretown, Vt. Americans are sending more than twice as much trash to landfills than the federal government estimates, according to a new study. **Associated Press**

1,200 landfills and calculated amounts, predominantly based on weights. They figured it was 263 million metric tons (289 million tons) in 2012, according to a study published Monday in the journal *Nature Climate Change*. For the same year, EPA estimated the figure to be 123 mil-

lion metric tons (135 million tons).

The Yale team calculated that in 2013, waste sent to landfills rose to 268 million metric tons (294 million tons). With 316 million people, that comes to 849 kilograms (1,871 pounds) per person in that year, the last for which there are figures.

Jon Powell at Yale's Center for Industrial Ecology said the amount is different because of the way his team calculated it: Adding up actual measurements instead of estimates based on what businesses told government indirectly. The EPA partially funded the study.

Three outside experts said they trust the Yale numbers more than the EPA's. However, Thomas Kinnaman, a Bucknell University professor who studies the economics of solid waste and recycling, added the findings don't matter much, because landfills have plenty of room to expand. Powell found that for every year's worth of trash filled on average in the United States, landfills add 2.7 years' worth of capacity. If Powell's data is correct, Americans aren't recycling as much as authorities thought. EPA estimated that Americans recycled 34.5 percent of their waste in 2012, but if the amount of trash matches Powell calculation, the recycling rate would be 21.4 percent. But the data may not match up well, Powell cautioned. Americans don't seem to generate more trash than other cultures, Bucknell's Kinnaman said. And not all of the waste is from homes. □



In this July 17, 2012, file photo, adult female walrus rest on an ice flow with young walrus in the Eastern Chukchi Sea, Alaska. **Associated Press**

**DAN JOLING**  
Associated Press

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)** — Federal prosecutors have opened a criminal investigation into the deaths of 25 Pacific walrus found last week on an isolated

northwest Alaska beach. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Wednesday received a report and photos of the dead animals found near Cape Lisburne on the Chukchi Sea about 230 miles (370 kilometers)

## Investigation opens in deaths of 25 walrus on Alaska beach

northeast of the Bering Strait. Initial reports indicated the walrus — 12 pups and 13 adults — had been shot. However, the agency would not speculate on the causes of death and sent two officers from its law enforcement division to investigate.

The officers have not returned, said USFWS spokeswoman Crystal Leonetti on Monday. She said she could not reveal details of what they found. Additional information will only be released by the U.S. Attorney's office.

"We've opened an investigation and can no longer

answer questions about it," she said.

The dead walrus were reported by a person connected to an Air Force radar station at Cape Lisburne. Some walrus were missing heads and tusks. Walrus ivory is prized for jewelry and crafts. Skulls with tusks attached are collectors' items.

Only Alaska Natives who live in the state may hunt walrus. Walrus killed solely for ivory with the meat wasted is illegal.

The fate of walrus has become a cause for concern as climate warming diminishes summer sea ice. Arctic

sea ice hit its summer minimum this month 1.7 million square (4.4 million square kilometer) miles, down 240,000 square miles (621,600 million square kilometers) from 2014, according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center. It's the fourth-lowest level on record for minimum summer sea ice. Walrus breed in the Bering Sea. Many walrus found in the Chukchi Sea north of the Bering Strait are females with pups that use ice as a platform from which to dive and rest. As ice melts, walrus move north over new feeding areas. □



## A silver anniversary for Jerry Springer

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AP Television Writer

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) —

As his talk show celebrates its silver anniversary on Monday, Jerry Springer knows better than to wheel a cake onstage with him. No sense tempting fate. He didn't anticipate he'd be fighting back tears as he addressed his audience.

"Know this," said Springer, who wore a tuxedo for the show's taping. "There's never been a moment in the 25 years of doing our show that I ever thought that I was better than the people who appear on our stage. I'm not better. Only luckier."

Don't mistake that for a valedictory. Springer, 71, is all aboard for another year on the crazy train, and plans to stay as long as he's healthy. Upcoming episodes include "Spontaneous Sex Mistakes," "Big Girls Bring It!" "Sorry Sis, Your Man is Fair Game," "I Sexed Your Ex" and "Lesbian Stepsister Hook-Up."

It's been a long time since "The Jerry Springer Show" was a sensation, and a threat to Civilization As We Know It. Now it's a dependable daytime comedy, seen regularly by about two million people each day and rarely noticed by others.

The days of Springer being shunned or scolded by people at cocktail parties are over, too.

"We don't hear it anymore," he said, "because I'm not part of the pop culture. It's not shocking anymore ... You can't be a grown-up and say, 'oh my gosh, they're talking about a gay person.' The world has changed."

ple looking to themselves for entertainment, and not always celebrities.

And, of course, it's a freak show that is hard to take your eyes off.

"I can't sit here and tell you I know why I've lasted 25 years," he said. "I don't

benign bemusement, his light hand on the tiller, is one of the show's secrets. He passes no judgments. Everyone knows he's in on the joke.

"Any show that has a zany supporting cast, you have to have one person who's

"Can anyone do it?" he said. "No. Can most people do it? I can take most people on television, give them my show and probably in five or six months, they'd be comfortable. Maybe why it works with me is because what you see is what I am. I don't mean the subject matter but, I don't have a different personality onstage."

Springer's show is taped in the same theater 30 miles northeast of New York City that Maury Povich and Steve Wilkos use. Talking to the audience before the 25th anniversary episode began, he tells some of the same corny jokes they've probably heard from their grandfathers.

Taking a hands-off approach, he does little preparation before a taping, often knowing only that day's general theme. Knowing too much would turn him into an actor. That's why when he invited one guest's "wife" onstage and turned his back to walk into the audience, the loud roar surprised him; he didn't know the man said he'd married his horse. "If there's a wedding cake, there's no way that the wedding cake is not going to be thrown," he said. "We've never ended a show with a wedding cake still in one piece. There's just stuff that you know. I'm not dense. But do I learn the specifics? No. It's much better that way." □



In this image released by NBC, host Jerry Springer appears at the taping of his 25th Anniversary show in Stamford, Conn. Springer, 71, is all aboard for another year on the crazy train, and plans to stay as long as he's healthy. Associated Press

Springer has theories about why his show has endured. Since the dawn of civilization, people have been fascinated by the behavior of others, particularly when it is outside of society's norm. Television is dominated by upper middle-class white people and his show regularly features others. It also appeared at the beginning of an era marked by peo-

ple know. There's a niche. If I'd been hosting another show, I wouldn't have lasted 25 years. And I mean it. People aren't watching the show because they want to see me."

He's prone to joking that anyone can do his job if they learn three phrases: "You did what?" "Come on out!" and "We'll be right back."

Truth is, Springer's air of

the calm in the middle of the storm," said Marc Ber-

man, an analyst for TV Media Insights. "And that's him." Springer is a lawyer and former news anchor who got into politics and became mayor of Cincinnati. He's still a proud liberal. Being a grown-up before he got into television gives him a different perspective, he said.

## Miss America thought deflategate answer would cost her crown

MARCELA ISAZA

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Betty Cantrell, named Miss America eight days ago, should be totally focused on the crown. Instead, she's still thinking about the New England Patriots.

Cantrell told The Associated Press in a recent interview that when she was asked in the pageant's question-and-answer section whether Patriots quarterback Tom Brady cheated by using deflated foot-

balls, she thought her answer might keep her from winning the crown.

Initially, Cantrell said she wasn't sure, then she went further: "I'd have to see the ball and feel it. If there's any question, then yes, he cheated."

Later Cantrell said she wasn't sure how to answer the question and wished she had been asked about music or theater.

"You know, I tried to give an opinion based on the facts that I knew, which

were very slim, and I think that the verdict came out during the week of competition that the suspension was (lifted) ... and that he was able to play again ... so I had no idea," she said.

"We really don't have our phones that week so I didn't know that had happened and I just want to leave that question up to the sports fans. ... Hopefully, the Tom Brady fans will forgive me and be OK with me again so we'll see, but I



In this Sept. 18, 2015 photo, newly-crowned Miss America 2016, Betty Cantrell poses for a portrait in Los Angeles. Associated Press

think it is blowing over." Cantrell, who is from Georgia, won a \$50,000 schol-

arship with her title and hopes to someday perform on Broadway. □



# Michael Flatley to make Broadway debut \_ and then retire

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**AP Drama Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Former "Riverdance" star Michael Flatley, who helped spark a worldwide Celtic dance craze, will make his long-awaited Broadway stage debut this winter — and then finally hang up his tap shoes.

The dancer and choreographer told The Associated Press that he will bring his current show "Lord of the Dance: Dangerous Games" to the Lyric Theatre and, having crossed the last item off his bucket list, retire as a performer.

"Last year, I decided my legs and my back had taken such a beating over the years. I said, 'You know, it's time.' I have a beautiful wife and a lovely, beautiful 8-year-old son and I said 'I've got to spend more time with them.'"

The 57-year-old put together a list of professional dreams he wanted to accomplish before retiring, which included returning to Wembley Arena in London, playing the

London Palladium and performing on Broadway. "That's the last dream," he said. "My wife and my team asked, 'Is there anything else we haven't done in this career?' I said, 'I've never done Broadway and I want to dance in the greatest place in the world.'"

Flatley will take the stage during a limited eight-week engagement that begins Nov. 7 and will play through Jan. 3. He will appear at the encore of each evening show, dancing alongside holographic movies of his iconic dances.

Flatley, born into a blue-collar Irish-American family in Chicago, was catapulted to fame after co-choreographing "Riverdance," which was first performed as a seven-minute interval break in the Eurovision Song Contest in 1994.

He and dancer Jean Butler helped extend it into a full-length show and it opened at Dublin's Point Theatre in 1995, at a time of renewed Irish optimism

and pride surrounding the onset of the booming "Celtic Tiger" economy.

Flatley went on to create his own shows, "Feet of Flames" and "Celtic Tiger." His "Lord of the Dance" premiered in 1996 and it has been seen by more than 60 million people in 60 different countries, including 400,000 during a five-year residency in Las Vegas.

His current iteration — subtitled "Dangerous Games" — played the London Palladium, the West End's Dominion Theatre and next month moves to the Playhouse Theatre. The score is by Gerard Fahy and the show includes dancing robots, acrobats and street styles.

"When I started this whole thing, dancers were always the guys in the background," he said. "I wanted to change that. My dream was that dance could be the main event around the world. My dream was that one day we could compete with the big rock 'n' roll



In this Sept. 27, 2005 file photo, Irish American dancer Michael Flatley, known for his works River Dance and Lord of the Dance, performs at Madison Square Garden, in New York.

Associated Press

## DiCaprio, Bono, Zuckerberg added to Global Citizen Festival

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — Leonardo DiCaprio, Bono, Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai and Bill and Melinda Gates will be onstage for next week's Global Citizen Festival in New York City.

The Sept. 26 event that stars Beyonce, Pearl Jam and Coldplay is a highlight of the annual gathering of world leaders at the United Nations. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon will be there, along with several prime ministers and CEOs.

The previously announced celebrity hosts include Stephen Colbert, Kerry Washington, Salma Hayek Pinault, Olivia Wilde and Hugh Jackman.

Ed Sheeran, Common and Indian singer Sunidhi Chauhan will also be performing in Central Park for the multi-hour event. It will air on MSNBC and stream on iHeartRadio and Tidal.

The event will highlight the launch of an ambitious set of global development goals. □

In this Feb. 10, 2015, file photo, Beyonce performs at "Stevie Wonder: Songs in the Key of Life - An All-Star Grammy Salute," at the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live in Los Angeles.

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bands and perform in those big arenas."

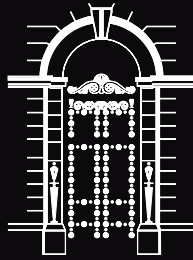
But years of traditional Irish step-dancing — infused with elements of ballet, tap, modern dance and world rhythms — have taken their toll, he said. "My spinal column is in bad shape," he said, also listing ailments to his knees, calf muscles, two ruptured Achilles tendons, a fractured right rib and a right foot bone fracture.

"It's time. If this was a football match, I'd be in injury

time now," he said. "I've earned it and I'm proud of it and I wouldn't trade it for the world. It was my dream to be a professional dancer, to lead these wonderful young dancers, and it's a dream come true every day."

Flatley said he's passing the torch to young dancers including James Keegan, Fergal Keaney and Morgan Comer. "It's my honor to bring them to Broadway and shine like the stars I know them to be." □





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